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WILLIAM CRAPO DURANT.

By force of his rare vision, foresight, energy and courage, William C. Durant has become the most conspicuous figure in the automobile industry. He has created cities, made independent fortunes for hundreds of people and, as a pioneer in the development of the motor car, has built a name and reputation among the greatest captains of industry in the world.

William Crapo Durant was born in Boston, December 8, 1861. His father was William Clark Durant, a resident of Boston, and his mother was Rebecca Crapo, daughter of Governor Henry Howland Crapo, fourteenth chief executive of Michigan and one of the leading lumber manufacturers in the Wolverine state. His uncle, William W. Crapo, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, is one of the foremost financiers and public men of the Bay state, having served several terms in Congress.

When Mr. Durant was nine years old the family moved from New England to Flint, Michigan, where he grew to manhood, received his education, and spent thirty-five years, the last twenty-five in active business as a manufacturer. At seventeen years of age he started for himself as an employee in the Crapo lumber yard and mill, owned by his grandfather. He gained a thorough knowledge of the business, starting in as a mill hand, then in the yards as salesman. His ability had been recognized to such an extent that at twenty-one years of age he was asked by the board of directors of the Flint City Water Works Company to reorganize its business and put it upon a sound footing. It was a big task, but he accomplished it, placing the company on a profitable basis.

Mr. Durant was made a director of one of the leading banks of Flint

and became identified with several of the largest business houses of the city. He brought a number of fire insurance agencies together and, while not giving his entire time to it, yet, as its directing head, built up one of the largest agencies in central Michigan. About this time he became connected with the George T. Warren Cigar Manufacturing Company, starting as shipping clerk, and eventually effected a complete reorganization of the business, building up what became one of the largest concerns of its kind in the state. In 1893, during the panic of that year, Mr. Durant organized the Clearing House Association in the city of Flint and was elected secretary, serving for three years. His work in this special line attracted favorable attention from all the banks of the state.

When still under twenty-five years of age, he associated himself with J. D. Dort in the manufacture of road carts. Later, in August, 1886, they organized the Durant-Dort Carriage Company, with F. A. Aldrich as secretary. The roadster, or road cart, had bounded into favor with the farmers and not only made a large amount of money for the company, but established a reputation for Mr. Durant and his associates, which they were quick to turn to account by engaging in the manufacture of carriages upon an extensive scale. By producing in large volume they brought about a revolution in the price of carriages, and their business grew to an annual output of more than one hundred and fifty thousand vehicles. In the meantime they had taken over the Castree-Mallery Company, a large agricultural implement manufacturing plant, which was not a financial success, and converted it into a modern carriage factory to be owned and operated by the Webster Vehicle Company, a unit of the Durant-Dort Carriage Company. About this time the Pellett Table Company, having a large factory and equipment, was acquired by the Durant-Dort Carriage Company, making the third unit; this company was known and operated under the name of the Diamond Buggy Company. The Durant-Dort Carriage Company, with its three large carriage-manufacturing plants and the various accessory factories, together with two other carriage companies, the W. A. Paterson Company and the Flint Wagon Works, gave to Flint the title of the "Vehicle City," by which it was known in every state in the Union.

Mr. Durant was a pioneer in the development and manufacture of the automobile. The Flint Wagon Works had started to manufacture a gasoline engine brought out by a man named Buick. They hoped to market this farm engine through their regular distributors who handled their farm

wagons and carriages. In the meantime Mr. Buick was working to perfect a motor vehicle, utilizing the motor originally planned as a stationary engine. Mr. Durant had for some time been quietly investigating motors and making ready to enter into the business of manufacturing motor cars and was solicited to take over the motor part of their business. The outcome was the formation by Mr. Durant of the Buick Motor Company in 1904 and the foundation laid for what became in 1908 the largest automobile factory in the world.

The industry was entirely new. Capital was timid. It required a very large amount of money to handle a business of such magnitude. Steel, aluminum, brass, copper, sheet metal, leather, hickory, white wood—everything entering into the building of a car—had to be purchased in enormous quantities. Special tools and machinery had to be made, new buildings erected, and, last but not least, a sales organization, with branches and distributors covering the entire American continent, must be provided. It was a task for an empire builder. Mr. Durant's keen vision had foreseen, in larger measure than any other man, the enormous demand which would come for the motor car when it should have displaced the horse-drawn vehicle, which situation he was the first to predict. The sales organization and distributing units brought into being by Mr. Durant's personal activities and direction, stand as a monument to his generalship. But, given the means to absorb the large volume, the herculean task remained to make certain that the manufacturing branch of the business could provide for the deliveries. In 1907, against the great odds of one of the worst financial panics the country had ever known, Mr. Durant built the mammoth buildings making up the plant of the Buick Motor Company.

In 1908 he organized the General Motors Company, of which the Buick was the nucleus. He purchased the Cadillac Motor Car Company of Detroit, the Olds Motor Works of Lansing and the Oakland Motor Car Company, adding them to the General Motors Company; also the Northway Motor Company of Detroit, the Jackson Church Wilcox Company of Saginaw, the General Motors Truck Company of Pontiac, and in 1909 had created a company which showed net earnings for that year of \$9,721,973.91, and for the year 1910 a net profit of \$11,090,753.72. At the end of the latter year, the volume of business exceeded \$50,000,000 annually.

The General Motors Company fulfilled in volume and earnings every forecast made by its founder. The organization which Mr. Durant brought together has remained practically intact, save for the addition of Walter P.

Chrysler as factory manager of the Buick. In 1915 Mr. Durant acquired complete control of the company and in 1916 became the president of the great industrial corporation which he had created.

In the meantime Mr. Durant organized the Chevrolet Motor Company and commenced the manufacture of the lowest priced electrically equipped touring car on the market. He placed the business on a sound basis, establishing at Flint a group of the most modern factories in the country, with complete axle and motor plants, factories in Tarrytown and New York City, also a transmission plant at Toledo, an accessory plant at Bay City, with assembling plants at Oakland, California, and Fort Worth, Texas, and allied factories in St. Louis, Missouri, and Oshawa, Ontario.

The Chevrolet became a household word, not only on the American continent, but in nearly all of the civilized countries of the globe. The volume of business of the General Motors Company and the Chevrolet Motor Company reached nearly \$200,000,000 per annum, and the name of Mr. Durant was linked with those of Andrew Carnegie, Thomas A. Edison, Charles M. Schwab and other giants of the industrial world.

In the meantime the erection of the Chevrolet plant and the units of the General Motors Company in Flint, such as the Buick Motor Car Company, the Champion Ignition Company and the Michigan Malleable Castings Company, had transformed the city from a population of less than fourteen thousand, as shown by the United States census of 1910, to approximately eighty-five thousand at the close of 1916. Property values advanced in some cases six to eight fold and fortunes were made by a very large number in real estate and mercantile pursuits, as well as by those who had been associated with Mr. Durant in his various companies. In 1916 the Chevrolet Company acquired a large block of stock of the General Motors Company and a mutuality of interests obtained, principally because Mr. Durant and his friends owned a majority of the stock of both companies.

In 1916 Mr. Durant organized the Perlman Rim Company and, later, the United Motors Company, comprising seven of the strongest motor car accessory companies, and the same year consolidated the Sterling Motor Company with the Scripps-Booth Company, and was influential in the formation of the Motor Products Company.

Easily the leader in the motor car field, Mr. Durant is recognized as a constructive builder, manufacturer, financier and salesman. When, in 1907, he predicted that within fifteen years it would require the manufacture of two million motor cars annually to meet the foreign and domestic demand

for American-built cars, many financiers expressed doubt at the possibility of the country absorbing such a large number, yet in 1916 the industry had grown to such magnitude that its volume was exceeded only by steel and cotton, with a practical certainty that it would pass cotton and become second only to steel within a very short time. In fact, the 1917 schedule of the General Motors Company and Chevrolet contemplates an output in excess of three hundred thousand cars.

In 1916 Mr. Durant was elected one of the directors of the Flint Board of Commerce and was actively identified with the movement to build five thousand additional homes in Flint for the employees in the several General Motors and Chevrolet factories. The fine postoffice building at Flint was secured largely through the efforts of Mr. Durant, who as a member of the committee appointed by the city, gave undivided attention for several weeks to bringing before Congress the needs of Flint as a coming manufacturing center.

Such has been the career of Flint's foremost citizen, whose activities have extended its fame to the ends of the world and made it a city of homes, schools and churches, taking front rank among the manufacturing cities of the country.

Mr. Durant is a philanthropist and generous contributor to worthy charities and educational and religious work, but steadfastly adheres to a fixed rule that his name shall not be published in connection with any gifts for such purposes. Mr. Durant is a member of the Detroit Club, Detroit Athletic Club, Calumet and Lotos Clubs of New York, and the Flint Country Club, and holds a life membership in Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Presbyterian and his political affiliations are with the Republican party.

He has two children, a daughter, the wife of Dr. Edwin R. Campbell, of New York City, and a son, R. Clifford Durant, of San Francisco, California.

HON. DAVID DEMOREST AITKEN.

Hon. David Demorest Aitken, former member of Congress from the sixth Michigan district, former mayor of the city of Flint, former president of the Michigan State Fair Association, president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, former president of the Flint Chamber of Commerce, a leading member of the bar of the Genesee circuit court and for years

one of the most active figures in the financial and industrial life of this section of the state, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Flint township, September 5, 1854, son of the Hon. Robert P. and Sarah J. (Johnson) Aitken, prominent pioneer residents of this county, the former of whom represented this district in the Michigan Legislature and in other ways contributed largely to the development of this region.

Robert P. Aitken was born on a farm near the village of Scotchbush, Montgomery county, New York, son of William and Helen (Chalmers) Aitken, both natives of New York state, of Scottish descent, who spent their last days in the Scotchbush neighborhood, both living to good old ages. They were the parents of six children, of whom Robert P. was the eldest, the others being John, William, James, Grace and Isabella. Robert P. Aitken, when a young man, left the home farm and became a clerk in a store in New York City, where he married Sarah J. Johnson, who had just completed her schooling in a young ladies' seminary at Newburgh. She was the daughter of William and Hannah (McCartney) Johnson, the former of whom was a native of Ireland, of Scottish descent. After coming to this country, he made his home in New York City, but later he and his wife followed their children to Michigan and settled in Flint township, this county, where both spent their last days, the former dying when not much past middle age and the latter living to a ripe old age. They had three children, Sarah Jane, Matilda and William. In 1841 Robert P. Aitken and his wife came to Michigan and settled on a pioneer farm in Flint township, this county. Mr. Aitken was a man of strong personality and at once took an active part in local affairs. For thirty-one consecutive years he served as supervisor of Flint township and during the years 1863-64 served as a representative from this district to the Michigan General Assembly. He lived to the great age of eighty-seven years, his death occurring in 1896. His wife had preceded him in death fifteen years, her death having occurred in 1881. She, too, had taken a prominent part in the social and cultural life of her community and for years had exerted a strong influence for good.

David D. Aitken was reared on the paternal farm in Flint township and received his elementary education in the district school, which was situated about a mile and a half from his home, supplementing this schooling by a course in the Flint high school, upon completing which he became engaged as a bookkeeper in a Flint commercial house and later became a salesman in a store. While thus engaged, in 1879, he married and, in pursuit of a long-cherished design, entered seriously upon the study of law.

In 1883 he passed the required examination and was admitted to the bar, at once entering upon the practice of his profession at Flint, where he ever since has made his residence. Mr. Aitken long has made a specialty of insurance law and has had much to do with shaping towards solvency the fraternal insurance associations of the country, with which he has been intimately identified, having been the general counsel for two of the largest of these concerns. From the beginning of his professional career in Flint, Mr. Aitken has taken an active and an influential part in local politics. In 1892 he was elected to represent this district in Congress and was re-elected in 1894, serving two terms, at the end of which time he declined to stand for further nomination. In 1906 he was elected mayor of Flint and rendered admirable public service in that capacity. Earlier he had served as city clerk and also had been city attorney for some years.

Mr. Aitken also has taken an active interest in commercial and industrial affairs. He assisted in the organization of the Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank and the Industrial Savings Bank, of Flint, and has been a director in both since their organization. He is president of the Imperial Wheel Company, of Flint, and of the Pine Bluff Spoke Company, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and is a director in the Marvel Carburetor Company. For many years Mr. Aitken has taken an active part in the affairs of the Michigan Agricultural Society and for some time served as president of the Michigan State Fair Association. He also for some time was president of the Flint Board of Commerce and in other ways has exerted his personal influence and executive ability in behalf of the advancement of the best interests of his home town. Mr. Aitken also is largely interested in farming and is the owner of what is declared by many to be the best-equipped dairy farm in the state. He has an excellent herd of Holstein cattle and is president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, the largest organization of pure bred live stock breeders in the United States. In addition to his model farm at the edge of the city, Mr. Aitken is the owner of the old homestead farm where his father and mother settled in 1841 and which he expects to retain as long as he lives. He owns one of the most beautiful homes in Flint at No. 326 East Third street, where he and his wife are very comfortably situated.

In 1879, David D. Aitken was united in marriage to Ada Elizabeth Long, who was born at Milburn, New Jersey, and whose father died there when a little past thirty years of age, leaving two children, there having been a son, William Henry Long. The Widow Long married, secondly,

Wesley R. Ayres and is still living at Milburn, at the age of eighty-three years. To her second marriage one daughter was born, Grace, who married William E. Fellows, a well-known jeweler at Flint. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Aitken were Joseph and Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Long, natives of New Jersey, the former of whom died in that state at the age of twenty-six and the latter of whom lived to the age of seventy. They were the parents of three children, Harriet, Mary and William Henry. Her maternal grandparents were Robert and Esther (Tichenor) McChesney, natives of New Jersey, who died there, he at the age of thirty-eight and she at ninety-one. They were the parents of four children, Aaron, Andrew Jackson, Martha and Sarah Jane. Mrs. Aitken's maternal great-grandfather, Caleb Tichenor, was a soldier in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War and there were several others of her kinsmen in that generation who contributed to the success of the cause of the colonists. Mrs. Aitken is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is vice-regent of the Genesee chapter of that patriotic organization. Mr. Aitken is a thirty-second-degree Mason, a Knight Templar as well as a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Aitken has been greatly interested in public welfare work, to which he has contributed liberally of both time and money. He is treasurer and trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association and trustee of the Young Women's Christian Association, in both of which institutions he is intensely interested.

EARL F. JOHNSON.

Earl F. Johnson, mayor of the city of Flint and business agent for the Union Trust and Savings Bank of that city, former county treasurer and for years actively identified with the business interests of Genesee county and his home city, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Thetford township, March 30, 1868, son of Delos I. and Hannah J. (Scott) Johnson, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Ohio, who were the parents of three children, of whom Mayor Johnson was the last-born, the others being Charles, deceased, and Clara, wife of D. W. Ramsey, of Spokane, Washington.

Delos I. Johnson was born in Erie county, New York, son of John and

Esther (Miles) Johnson, natives of that same state, and was the eldest of the seven children born to that parentage, the others being George P., Homer L., Devillo M., Evelyn J. and two who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in her home in New York and in his later years John Johnson came to Michigan and spent his last years in Genesee county, being eighty-four years of age at the time of his death. Delos I. Johnson was reared in his native county in New York and when a young man came to Michigan, settling in Genesee county, where he began teaming and was for some time thus engaged in freighting through from Pontiac, Holly and Saginaw. Later he became engaged in the milling business and for some time operated a saw-mill in Thetford township. There he married Hannah J. Scott, who was born in Ohio, daughter of Charles and Rachel (Moulthrough) Scott, natives of that same state, who came to Michigan in the early days of the settlement of this state and settled in Genesee county, becoming substantial farmers of Thetford township. There both spent the rest of their lives, she dying in middle life and he at the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Johnson was the second in order of birth, the others being Melissa, Walter, Charles, Louisa and Albert. While he was milling, Delos I. Johnson became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of timber land in Thetford township, which he cleared and where he established his home, spending there the rest of his life, his death occurring on April 26, 1911, he then being seventy-nine years of age. His widow, who survives him, is now in her seventy-sixth year.

Earl F. Johnson was reared on the paternal farm in the near vicinity of East Thetford, receiving his elementary education in the schools of that district and supplementing the same by a course in the normal school at Flint, after which he taught school for three years in the district schools of this county. He then married and engaged in the mercantile business, opening a general store at East Thetford, and was there engaged in business for ten years. Mr. Johnson is a Republican and has ever given his close attention to the political affairs of his home county. During his residence in Thetford township he served as treasurer of that township and also as supervisor. In 1898 he was elected treasurer of Genesee county, serving the county in that important capacity for four years. Following his election to the office of county treasurer, Mr. Johnson moved to Flint, the county seat, and has ever since made his home in that city. Upon the completion of his term of service in the treasurer's office, in 1903, he was appointed division deputy revenue collector for the first district of Michigan and continued in that office until October 1, 1914. On February 1, 1915, he became the business

agent for the Union Trust and Savings Bank of Flint and still occupies that position, although he lately has been called on to perform the duties of chief executive head of the city of Flint, a position which he now occupies. On April 3, 1916, Earl F. Johnson was elected mayor of Flint and it is a sufficient attestation of his personal popularity in that city to note that he was elected by the greatest majority ever given a candidate for the office of mayor in the city of Flint.

On December 31, 1880, Earl F. Johnson was united in marriage to Emma B. Johnson, who also was born in Thetford township, this county, September 18, 1868, daughter of Theodore and Adelaide Johnson, both now deceased. The former was a native of Vermont and the latter, of Ohio. They came to Michigan many years ago and settled on a farm in Thetford township, where they reared their family and spent the rest of their lives. They became the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Johnson was the last-born, the others being George, Lynda, Antoinette, Millie and Walter. To Mayor and Mrs. Johnson seven children have been born, namely: Zella, who married George D. Perry, of Flint, and has a son, Earl J.; Walker B., a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and Gladys H., Maynard D., Edith B., Irving E. and Donald E., who are at home.

Mayor Johnson is a thirty-second-degree Mason, a member of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, at Flint; affiliated with the Michigan Sovereign Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Detroit, and is a noble of Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in the latter city, and is also a member of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Flint.

ORSON MILLARD, M. D.

Orson Millard, M. D., was born, October 27, 1845, in the town of Utica, Macomb county, Michigan, and is a descendant of a family of Huguenots who fled from France in 1632. His father, James Madison Millard, was a cousin of Millard Fillmore, the thirteenth President of the United States, and his maternal grandmother was one of the Conger family, to which ex-Senator Omar D. Conger belonged.

Orson Millard graduated from the University of Michigan in 1870 and came directly to Flint, where he has since resided. He was for a num-

ber of years physician in charge at the Michigan school for the deaf, and also for four years president of the board of United States pension examining surgeons for Genesee county.

Doctor Millard has been a close student of his profession and has made a number of scientific discoveries which have attracted attention from the medical fraternity of both continents. The *Michigan University Medical Journal*, volume II, January, 1872, edited by George E. Frothingham, M. D., contains an account of a case treated by Doctor Millard which attracted much attention at that time, and in the *Cyclopaedia of the Practice of Medicine*, volume XVI, edited by Dr. H. Von Ziemssen, of Munich, Bavaria, the author gives the credit for first employing carbolic acid in cases of diabetes to Doctor Millard. The Doctor also received favorable notice in the *Chemiker-Zeitung*, published at Cothen, Prussia.

During later years Doctor Millard has retired from the active practice of his profession, being for a number of years a member of the medical section of the National Fraternal Congress, and at one time its president. In 1907 he was the Democratic nominee for regent of the University of Michigan.

Doctor Millard was married in 1872 to Sarah A. Gardner, direct granddaughter of William Mooney, ex-Revolutionary soldier who founded the society of Tammany, in 1789, and daughter of the Rev. Dr. T. C. Gardner, of Ann Arbor, one of the most eminent Methodist clergymen of Michigan, in his day. Mrs. Millard was born in Northville, Michigan, June 4, 1845. The day following their marriage Doctor and Mrs. Millard moved into their home on Harrison street, where Mrs. Millard's death occurred on March 25, 1916. Mrs. Millard was a woman known for her scholarly attainments, being a linguist of unusual ability, and in the earlier days of Flint was a member of the Ladies Library Association. Her surviving children are T. Carl Millard, and Mrs. Andrew J. Buckham, who has one son, Thomas Robson Buckham, 2nd.

JOHN H. LONG.

John H. Long, treasurer of the city of Flint and for many years previously to his election to that office, in the spring of 1916, the proprietor of the Bliss Business College in that city, is a native of the Dominion of Can-

ada, born at Port Dover, January 12, 1875, son of Joseph and Wilmina (McBride) Long, both natives of the dominion, who are still living on the farm they long have occupied in the Dover neighborhood.

Joseph Long was born and reared near Dover, son of William Long and wife, natives of the state of New York, who located in Canada and spent the rest of their lives there. They were the parents of four children, Joseph, Henry, Frank and a daughter. Joseph Long married Wilmina McBride, who was also born in Canada, daughter of James and Isabel (Austin) McBride, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. McBride were the parents of twelve children, Wilmina, John A., Emily, Annette, Elizabeth, Thomas, Robert, Samuel, George, Sidney, Abigail and Nancy, all of whom are still living. To Joseph Long and wife eleven children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest, the others being as follow: Emma, wife of Alva, Belbeck, of Port Dover, Canada; James Arthur, deceased; Alice E., wife of John Greenbury, of Flint; Perry W., of Flint; George W., of Port Dover; Charles M., of that same place; Bruce T., of Flint; Nina, wife of Clarence Ferris, of Port Dover; Craig, also of Port Dover, and Merritt, of Ingersoll, near Woodstock, Canada.

Upon completing the course in the high school at Port Dover, John H. Long took a course at the Model School at Simcoe and the Normal School at Toronto, receiving upon his graduation a life certificate good anywhere in the providence of Ontario. Thereafter he taught school for seven years, after which he attended the Business College at Toronto and thereafter taught in business colleges at North Adams, Massachusetts, and at Saratoga, New York, until 1900, in which year he bought the Bliss Business College at Flint and moved to that city, thereafter conducting that school for thirteen years. In the city campaign of 1916 Mr. Long was made the nominee of the Republicans of Flint for the office of city treasurer and in April of that year was elected by a majority of three thousand six hundred and eighty-nine votes and is now serving in that capacity.

On November 28, 1901, the year after locating at Flint, John H. Long was united in marriage to Maud Cook, who was born in that city, daughter of Miles P. and Susan (Reid) Cook, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Flint, who had four daughters, Katherine, Mabelle, Maud and Grace. To Mr. and Mrs. Long two sons have been born, Malcolm Canmore and John H. Mr. and Mrs. Long are members of the Presbyterian church and he is a deacon in the same. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a

member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Longs reside at No. 414 West Court street, Flint.

GRANT J. BROWN.

Grant J. Brown, cashier of the Industrial Savings Bank of Flint and one of the best-known figures in financial circles in this part of the state, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Flushing township, this county, September 6, 1873, son of Hiram M. and Florence A. (Sutton) Brown, the former a native of Canada and the latter of this county.

Hiram M. Brown was but a boy when he came to Michigan in 1856 with his parents, James Brown and wife, both natives of Canada, the former born near London, Ontario, and the latter at Ingersoll. James Brown homesteaded a farm in Flushing township, this county, and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, both living to advanced years. They were the parents of six children, James, Joseph, Hiram M., Melinda, Charlotte and Mary. Hiram M. Brown grew to manhood on the home farm in Flushing township and later bought an eighty-acre farm in that vicinity and began farming on his own account. He later purchased additional land and became a very substantial farmer. In 1895 he moved to Flushing, where he made his home until 1908, in which year he moved to Flint, where he is now living, comfortably retired, at No. 834 Detroit street. His wife died in 1897, at the age of forty-four years. She was born in Gaines township, this county, daughter of William Sutton and wife, natives of New York state, who became early settlers in this county, substantial farmers near Duffield. William Sutton died many years ago and his widow survived him for years, her death occurring at the home of Hiram M. Brown. There were seven children in the Sutton family, those besides Mrs. Brown having been William, Jacob, Margaret, Philena, Susan and Lena. The junior William Sutton died from the effect of wounds received while serving as a Union soldier during the Civil War. Hiram M. Brown is an earnest member of the Baptist church, of which he has been a deacon for many years, and is now serving as a deacon in the congregation of the First Baptist church at Flint.

Grant J. Brown was reared on his father's farm in Flushing township, receiving his elementary education in the Brown school house in the vicinity of his home, supplementing the same by a course in the high school at Flushing, after which he took a course in a business college at Flint. He taught district school for one term and then for a time worked in a general store. In 1898 he entered the employ of the First State Savings Bank at Flushing and was thus engaged for about two years and six months, or until the organization of the Peoples State Bank at that place, when he was made assistant cashier of the latter institution. He remained with that bank for about five years and in 1906 was appointed state bank examiner, which position he held for three years, at the end of which time he resigned and became one of the organizers of the Industrial Savings Bank of Flint, being elected cashier of the same, a position he has held ever since. The Industrial Savings Bank was organized in 1909 with a capital stock of \$50,000. It now has a capital and surplus of \$500,000 and total assets of \$3,400,000. The main office of the bank is in the Flint P. Smith building, but a branch office is maintained at the corner of Hamilton and Industrial avenues and another on St. John street. Mr. Brown is a Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in the political affairs of his home county, but has never been included in the office-seeking class.

On May, 1897, Grant J. Brown was united in marriage to Daisy Parmelee, who was born at Flushing, this county, April 15, 1872, daughter of George and Eleanor (Smith) Parmelee, the former of whom was born at Sylvania, Ohio, May 30, 1839, and the latter at Flushing. George Parmelee was a son of Thomas J. and Chloe (Atwell) Parmelee, who came to Michigan in pioneer days and settled in Saginaw county. Later they came to this county and located at Flushing, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Thomas J. Parmelee dying on April 25, 1884, at the age of eighty-three. His wife had preceded him to the grave, her death having occurred in 1879. They were the parents of ten children, Mrs. Phena James, Oliver, George, Thomas, Martha, Reuben, Erastus and three who died in youth. Thomas J. Parmelee took an active interest in public affairs and served as justice of the peace, as township treasurer and in various other public capacities. George Parmelee was a miller and farmer and was for years one of the best-known citizens of Flushing. He died in 1892, at the age of fifty-three years, and his widow survived him five years, she also being fifty-three years of age at the time of her death in 1897. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Brown was the third in order of birth, the others being Sarah, Eber G. (deceased), Harry and Clara Irene.

Mrs. Parmelee was a daughter of Simeon and Sarah (Lawton) Smith, natives of New York state, who came to Michigan in the early days of the settlement of this part of the state, settling first in the village of Groveland, in Oakland county. In 1839 they came to Genesee county, settling at Flushing, and were prominently connected with the early history and upbuilding of that place. Simeon Smith for years was justice of the peace in and for Flushing township and held other public offices. He and his wife were the parents of five children, Judith, Angeline, Elizabeth, Eleanor and Fred.

To Grant J. and Daisy (Parmelee) Brown three children have been born, Florence Marguerite, Robert Parmelee and Donovan Millard. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the First Baptist church at Flint and Mr. Brown is chairman of the board of trustees of the same. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, a member of Genesee Lodge, Flint Chapter and Genesee Valley Commandery, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

REV. HOWARD D. BORLEY.

Howard D. Borley, a prominent minister of Flint, was born on a farm near Strathroy, Ontario, Canada, on May 23, 1874, being the son of William E. and Jane (Donaldson) Borley. William E. and Jane Borley were natives of Ontario, he having been born in Middlesex county and she at Peterborough. They were the parents of the following children: William Ernest, a physician of Mishawaka, Indiana; Edgar and Cecil, twins; Edgar is a physician at South Bend, Indiana, and Cecil is a dentist at Hallock, Minnesota; Howard D., a minister at Flint; Mary Hazel, who died at the age of eighteen years, and Ivan S., of Flint.

William E. Borley, who received his education in Canada, there grew to manhood and was a farmer while a resident of that province, came to Mishawaka, Indiana, in 1903, where he and Mrs. Borley still reside. Mr. Borley, having received a good education, was always interested in education.

John Borley and wife, the paternal grandparents of Howard D. Borley, were natives of England, having been born near Birmingham. They came to Canada and located on a farm near London, where they died, being over eighty years of age. They were the parents of the following children: William, Jane, Sarah Elizabeth, Louisa and Melinda. The maternal grandparents were of Scotch-Irish stock. The grandfather settled near Peterborough, Canada, and there he and his wife died at an advanced age. They

were the parents of the following children: John, David, Mars, Benjamin, Stewart, Mary, Martha, Deborah, Jane and Clotilda.

Howard D. Borley was reared in Middlesex county, Canada, and spent his early life near the village of Mount Brydges. Here he received his early education. After completing the high school course at Glencoe, he continued his educational work at Strathroy Model School, and then for three years was a teacher in the public schools. After completing his work as a teacher, he studied at Strathroy Collegiate Institute and later received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Queens College at Kingston. He then entered the theological seminary, from which he graduated in 1904. After taking post-graduate work at the University of Chicago, he accepted the charge of the First Presbyterian church at Big Rapids, Michigan, where he remained until 1910. At this time he was called to a church at Michigan City, where he remained until May 1, 1913, when he accepted the call to his present charge, the First Presbyterian church of Flint.

On June 6, 1906, Howard D. Borley was united in marriage to Gertrude Robertson, the daughter of John Robertson and wife. To this union one son has been born, John R.

Reverend Borley is a minister of much force and eloquence and is recognized as one of the prominent ministers of the city. His work is well received and he has done much for the religious life of Flint. Fraturnally, Mr. Borley is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and has taken the chapter degrees, as well as being a member of the Knights Templar and the Shrine.

REV. TIMOTHY JOSEPH MURPHY.

For more than thirty-five years the Rev. Father Timothy Joseph Murphy, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic church, has lived and labored among the people of Flint, where his devoted and zealous services in the work of his Master have materially contributed to the growth and strength of Catholicism hereabout. His present parish is an old one, having been established in 1840, the first edifice having been erected soon after the organization of the parish, while the present structure was built during the years 1882 and 1883, under the direct supervision of Father Murphy.

Timothy Joseph Murphy was born in the city of Cork, Ireland, May 4, 1848, son of Jeremiah and Margaret (Dacy) Murphy. His early education was received in his native city and after completing the curriculum of the ordinary grades he became a student in All Hallows College, Dublin, from



✓ J. Murphy

which he was graduated. In 1870 Father Murphy came to the United States and after landing in New York at once made his way to Detroit and was ordained there by Bishop Borgess, January 30, 1871, and was immediately sent to Bay City as assistant to Father Schutzes, of St. James church, a capacity in which he served for three months. Later he was transferred to the parish at Grand Haven, Ottawa county, this state, becoming the first priest of that parish, and there he remained until he was transferred to Flint in June, 1880. Father Murphy's first act of importance at Flint was the erection of the splendid brick church of St. Michael's, which took the place of the old frame church. St. Michael's church is an edifice fifty by one hundred and fifty feet in dimensions, has a seating capacity of eight hundred, cost thirty thousand dollars and is handsomely furnished throughout, a fitting place of worship and prayer.

Even before leaving his native land, Father Murphy had been a great admirer of American people and institutions and, although he has never lost his love for Ireland, he is a truly patriotic citizen of the United States, like his namesake, late an American priest in Rome, who, upon being told by some Americans who had an audience with the Pope, that they hoped he would be sitting in the papal chair upon their next visit, responded, "That may be, but if I ever get there I will hang the American flag on the outer walls of the Vatican." Father Murphy is also a good "mixer," and many of his most earnest friends are found among those whose religious views may not conform to his teachings, but whose hearts are bound to his by ties as broad as humanity itself. He pays close attention to the development of public affairs in Ireland and has enlisted hundreds of Americans in the cause of Irish home rule. He has taken two trips to his old home in Erin and intends to make another if he lives to see the full freedom of the land of his birth. It is his dearest wish that complete home rule may be brought about through a bond of love and give Ireland a place like unto that held by the state of Michigan in this Union. On the occasion of the celebration at Grand Haven in 1876 of the centennial of American independence, Father Murphy was selected by the citizens of that city to read the Declaration of Independence, and he at that time expressed the wish that he might live to hear read and realized the declaration of independence of his own land.

In every section in which his labors have been prosecuted, Father Murphy has displayed the same energy and zeal which have endeared him to his parishioners in Flint. Through his arduous exertions he has secured the erection of several churches, and the places of worship at Grand Haven.

Dennison and Berlin owe their being to him. In 1903 he erected what is locally known as Father Murphy's Hall, at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars, fourteen thousand dollars of which amount was given him by friends of other creeds than the Catholic, this being but one evidence of the great love and reverence felt for him generally hereabout. Father Murphy's Hall has a handsome auditorium, with a seating capacity of seven hundred, and is fitted in modern style, having a stage and the usual accessories. The basement is arranged with a kitchen and a large banquet hall, together with a smoking room. The policy of Father Murphy is to let as large a benefit as possible accrue from the advantages of such an assembly hall and its use is thrown open, to all churches alike, both Catholic and Protestant. Broad-minded and compassionate in his views, Father Murphy is always an invited guest at important functions and on numerous occasions has spoken, on invitation, in Protestant churches. In this connection, the biographer is permitted to present here a little poem, the author of which, a minister of the Presbyterian church, is one of Father Murphy's dearest and most appreciative friends. This was sent him on the occasion of the silver jubilee banquet given in his honor:

TO FATHER MURPHY—A BIT OF SAUCE TO HIS MEAT ON MONDAY NIGHT.

My genial friend and brother,
 I clip your jolly phiz
 From this night's *Daily Journal*.
 And, homely as it is,
 I am right glad to see it.
 And, Father, note the news
 That Flint will do you honor;
 And I cannot refuse
 To give myself the pleasure
 Of jingling just a bit—
 If I can only manage
 To get the hang of it.

My Pegasus is balky,
 And now and then he kicks;
 And sometimes when I trust him
 He leaves me in a fix—
 For if I try to force him
 To jingle, off he goes,
 And dumps me and my measure
 Into a ditch of prose.
 But, after all, he's handy,
 Like your Kentucky bay,
 To lug a portly preacher
 Along a dusty way.

To drop the classic figure—
 When lacking thought, I rhyme it;
 The hill of sense is sandy,
 And nonsense helps me climb it.
 Let me congratulate you!
 And if the Monday night
 Be 'mong the happiest of life—
 Old man, 'twill serve you right!
 Heaven bless you with the best
 Its larder can provide you;
 And, better still, with loving friends
 To eat and drink beside you.

May life be all illumined
 E'en to its latest page;
 And, like your wine, be better
 By reason of its age.
 May all the royal bounty
 Your generous hand has given,
 Return to you in fullness,
 Anticipating Heaven.
 And when the sun is setting
 Behind the Golden West,
 God give you happy welcome
 Into His blessed rest.

—REV. CHARLES HUNTING.

Marshall, Michigan, Saturday night, January 9, 1897.

Not alone has Father Murphy materially increased the membership of his congregation, but in whatever community he has labored has succeeded in raising the standard of the church, increased its usefulness and added to the enthusiasm, zeal and fervor of its members. The church at Flint now has a congregation of about fifteen hundred persons, who, under Father Murphy's guidance and counsel, are endeavoring to lead wholesome Christian lives. The development of St. Michael's parish has been extraordinary. When he first came, Father Murphy was able also to take charge of the mission at Hazelton, but the membership of that mission increased so rapidly that it became necessary to appoint a priest to that charge who could devote his entire time to its affairs. In connection with the beautiful church of St. Michael's is found a handsome parochial school, where about two hundred and eighty pupils are receiving broad and thorough instruction from six holy women, Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Adjacent to the school is the Sisters' house and not far therefrom is located the priest's residence. The entire group of buildings, which add materially to the architectural

beauty of Flint, are found on Saginaw, Fifth and Chippewa streets and the structures are surrounded by handsome, well-kept grounds.

It would be difficult to find an individual who has gained in deeper degree the affection of his fellow-men or the love and reverence of his people than Father Murphy. With a happy combination of personal sympathy and compassion, with a strong strain of practicability in material things, he has established himself deeply in the hearts of his people and in the confidence of the community at large.

JOSIAH DALLAS DORT.

It has been said that a city is great, not from the standpoint of a large population, but according to the relative importance of its manufactures and commerce and the attention paid to the welfare of all its inhabitants. Flint has long been a center of middle West manufactures. However, it is to a comparatively small group of men that the city's industrial prosperity has been due, and during the last thirty years none has been more steadily influential in promoting development in the city than J. Dallas Dort, who, by common consent, is now one of the dominant figures in the business life of Michigan. As a youth he entered upon his career with only the advantages of an ordinary education, starting life in a humble station, and followed up the opportunities that opened before him with industry and intelligent energy. Now, in the prime of life, with powers ripened and matured, Mr. Dort is the possessor of an enviable fortune, the directing head of several large industries and a vital force in both business and civic affairs of his community.

Josiah Dallas Dort was born in Inkster, Michigan, February 2, 1861, a son of Josiah and Marcy (Jones-Straight) Dort, natives respectively of Vermont and New Hampshire, the father dying at Inkster in 1871, at the age of sixty-one, while the mother passed away at Flint, in 1897. Josiah Dort came with his parents overland from his New England home to the state of Ohio, leaving the rest of the family there and continuing his journey west until he arrived at the place known as Dearborn during the late thirties. At Dearborn he and his brother, Titus, engaged in the manufacture of brick, furnishing the material for the United States arsenal at that point. Josiah Dort was appointed postmaster of that place and also acted in the capacity of agent for the Michigan Central Railway, whose line had just

been completed. After several years he moved to Moulin Rouge, now known as Inkster, and became identified with merchandising. Mrs. Marcy (Jones) Straight, who became his wife, was an educated woman who had taught school in New Hampshire and at Westport, New York. Josiah Dort was a notable man in many ways, a typical country squire, prominent Mason, a lifelong member of the Methodist church, active in politics as a Democrat and Whig and among the leaders of his parties in the state, was on terms of intimacy and a close associate of such men as Zach Chandler, Henry P. Baldwin, John J. Bagley, G. N. Lothrop, who were his personal friends. He acquired considerable property through his able management and at the time of his death was in comfortable circumstances.

The only child of his parents, Josiah Dallas Dort was ten years of age when his father died. His education was acquired by attending the district schools, the Wayne high school and the State Normal at Ypsilanti. Leaving school, he helped his mother carry on the business, the burden of which she had resolutely borne from the time of her husband's death. She herself was a most capable business woman, but had her double responsibilities for only a few years, since her son proved himself more than ordinarily capable and assumed all the weighty responsibilities of business. The mother was a devout Baptist, had decided Puritanical principles and was a woman with a nature serene, cheerful, loving, beautiful and tireless. She so ordered her household that, although great riches were never present, poverty was unheard of and her son was reared wisely and well, so as to adopt honesty and integrity, and shun anything like idleness, extravagance or dissipation.

Mr. Dort, at the age of fifteen, left his school work to enter the employment of a crockery firm in Ypsilanti and three years later transferred his services to a similar firm in Jackson, where he remained a period of two years. About that time his father's estate was settled and in 1881 he engaged as clerk at Flint for Whiting & Richardson, hardware merchants. Two years after he was employed by the firm of Hubbard & Wager and for one year he was with Morley Brothers at Saginaw. Having been thrifty and economical, and saving of his earnings, with a little help from the estate he was then able to return to Flint and engaged in the hardware business as a co-partner with James E. Bussy. It was not until September, 1886, that Mr. Dort entered the field in which his greatest success and accomplishment as a manufacturer and business man has been won. At that time, with William C. Durant, he started in a modest way the manufacture of road carts, employing about twenty men. This subsequently grew into the largest

business for the manufacture of horse-drawn pleasure and business vehicles in the state, and became the parent of the principal industries of Flint.

Mr. Dort is president and acting directing head of the Dort Motor Car Company, the Durant-Dort Carriage Company and its allied institutions, and also one of the founders of the Imperial Wheel Company, Flint Varnish Works, Flint Axle Works, the Dominion Carriage Company, Limited, of Toronto, Canada, the Blount Carriage and Buggy Company, of Atlanta, Georgia, and the Pine Bluff Spoke Company, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Among other industries Mr. Dort was largely instrumental in establishing, should be mentioned the Weston-Mott Axle Company, the McCormick Harness Company and the Copeman Electric Stove Company. Through the interests of the Durant-Dort Carriage Company, Mr. Dort's was one of the largest interests in the Buick Automobile Company and the General Motors Company. These institutions thus named employ many thousand of workmen, and during the days before the advent of the automobile the vehicle and accessory plants had upward of two thousand men on their payrolls.

For several years Mr. Dort carried on as a side line a fine stock farm, which was devoted to the breeding of prize-winning Hackney horses, and he is at this time a holder of a King George medal and other American and Canadian trophies.

In these days of almost constant strife between labor and capital, it is worthy to note that these troubles are totally unknown in the Dort institutions. Such favorable conditions may be largely accredited to Mr. Dort's honorable dealings with the men in his employ. He inaugurated a policy of interesting employees in the stock of his companies and a system of loyalty payments for long service. Mr. Dort was instrumental in the organization of the Flint Factories Mutual Benefit Association, a splendid Workmen's Club in connection with the same, and of the Flint Associated Factories organization, sustaining a workmen's supplemental compensation department. He is a director of the Michigan Workmen's Compensation Mutual Insurance Company, of Detroit, an association composed of Michigan manufacturers for the purpose of making such payments as workmen are entitled to under the Michigan workmen's compensation act and which is one of the best institutions of its kind in the United States.

It may be said that Mr. Dort's idea in acquiring wealth is that it may be used as a means for greater service, it being well understood that his income is largely utilized for the common good. He is active in charitable

work and has donated liberally to hospitals, churches and other public institutions, seldom refusing aid to any worthy object.

Mr. Dort has long been identified with civic activities and, although steadfastly refusing public office, as well as honorary positions on various state boards, has served his people in the line of public utility. One of his best contributions to the beauty of Flint is the public park system, which when completed will cover eight miles of parkway and completely surround the city of Flint, the park and boulevard following the banks of Flint river. For this notable improvement Mr. Dort had the place drawn at his own expense and, as the enterprise is now fairly launched as a result of his earnest and untiring efforts, its success is practically assured at no distant date.

Mr. Dort is a director in the Genesee County Savings Bank of Flint, and first vice-president of the Board of Commerce. His guidance and leadership in large business affairs are constantly sought and he is an ex-president of the Carriage Builders National Association, vice-president of the Michigan Manufacturers Association, and in every way a business executive with a broad mind and a thorough understanding of modern conditions and ideas. Mr. Dort was a delegate to the Conservation Congress held in the White House at Washington in 1907. He was one of the principal factors in drafting the law creating the Michigan railroad commission.

First of all in its claim on his attention and energies are important and varied industrial interests. But when these claims are properly satisfied, Mr. Dort never refuses his consideration and aid to those other activities which are not the less important as features of a well balanced life. Mr. Dort is a patron of art, a lover of music, literature and architecture, an upholder of the best ideals and standards in social life. Like all virile, energetic men, he gives a part of his attention to outdoor sports and is an enthusiastic golfer and automobilist. His club relations include membership in the Flint, Country, Detroit Athletic, Detroit, Detroit Golf clubs and he is also a thirty-second-degree Mason and Knight Templar, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious affiliations are with the Episcopal church and he is now a member of the board of vestrymen of St. Paul's church at Flint.

Mr. Dort has been twice married. His first union was with Nellie Matilda Bates, who died at Phoenix, Arizona, in March, 1900, and was laid to rest in Glenwood cemetery, Flint. Two children were born to this union: Ralph, born November 11, 1891, at Flint, a student at Princeton University, who was married, October 15, 1913, to Helen Wilson, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is now engaged as advertising manager of the Dort Motor Car

Company at Flint, where he resides; and Dorothy, born September 12, 1893, at Flint, a graduate of Miss Chamberlain's school of Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Dort's second marriage occurred on May 8, 1906, when he was united with Marcia Webb, of Mackinac, Michigan, daughter of Major Charles A. Webb, at one time commandant at Fort Mackinac. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dort: Dallas Webb, born February 17, 1907; Margery, born May 19, 1911, and David Truscott, born June 7, 1916.

EDWIN ORIN WOOD, LL. D.

Edwin Orin Wood, editor of the "History of Genesee County" and author of "Historic Mackinac," and one of the best known citizens of Michigan, was born at Goodrich, Genesee county, Michigan, October 29, 1861. His parents were Michigan pioneers, Thomas Parmalee Wood and Paulina M. Wood, both of whom came from western New York. The grandfather and great-grandfather of Thomas P. Wood served in the Revolutionary War. The parents of the subject of this sketch lived together sixty-two years and are buried in the Goodrich cemetery.

Edwin O. Wood attended the public schools in Goodrich, studying Latin and Greek outside of school hours with Reverend Sanderson, a Congregational minister, as tutor; later he put in one year at the Saginaw City high school. Leaving school, he was a clerk in the general stores of D. M. Sriver, Seth B. Pixley and D. W. and William Campbell at Goodrich; also in the store of Levi Campbell at Metamora, Michigan. While with D. M. Sriver he learned the timber's trade. For five years he was a clerk in the clothing store of George W. Buckingham, in Flint, Michigan. In 1885 he was appointed a railway mail clerk, but resigned to accept a position as traveling salesman for the wholesale grocery firm of W. J. Gould & Company, Detroit, remaining five years, following which he was the Michigan representative of Hackett, Carhart & Company, wholesale clothiers of New York.

In March, 1893, he was appointed a special agent of the United States treasury by Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle. In May of that year he was assigned to special work on the Pacific coast. He seized the steamship "Haytien Republic" for violation of the revenue and immigration laws. More than thirty persons were indicted by a special grand jury



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called at Mr. Wood's request. The steamship "Haytien Republic" was confiscated by the government. The case was tried in the United States district court at Portland, Oregon, appealed to both the United States circuit court of appeals at San Francisco and the United States supreme court and affirmed by both of these tribunals. It was shown in the trial that the smuggling ring, which included federal officials and the owners of the Merchants Steamship Company, of which the "Haytien Republic" was a unit, had defrauded the government out of three hundred sixty thousand dollars in a period of seven months by the smuggling of opium, and that more than one thousand five hundred Chinese laborers had been admitted into the United States illegally. The collector of customs had received fifty dollars per head for landing these Mongolians, or a total of seventy-five thousand dollars. Both the collector and special agent of the United States treasury for that district, Charles J. Mulkey, were convicted, as well as a score of their associates. The trials of these cases attracted nation-wide attention, the operations of this gang of conspirators equalling in magnitude the "whiskey ring" of a few years previous. Mr. Wood received the personal thanks of President Cleveland and the secretary of the treasury in recognition of his services in these cases. Judge George H. Durand, of Flint, Michigan, was, at the request of Mr. Wood, appointed special counsel for the government and had charge of the prosecution. Later, Mr. Wood brought to light a defalcation of more than forty thousand dollars in a United States bonded warehouse in Boston, and also a shortage of three thousand dollars in the cashier's office of the Detroit custom house.

In 1897 Mr. Wood resigned as special agent, although the position had been extended into the civil service and he had been especially requested to remain by Gen. O. L. Spaulding, assistant secretary of the treasury.

Mr. Wood was one of the founders of the Loyal Guard, a fraternal beneficiary society and for many years was its president. He was chosen president of the National Fraternal Press Association and one year later president of the National Fraternal Congress.

He served as chairman of the Genesee county Democratic committee and in 1904 was elected chairman of the Democratic state central committee. In 1908 he was elected a member of the Democratic national committee, re-elected in 1912, and again re-elected in a state-wide primary in 1916. He was a delegate to the Democratic national convention in Denver in 1908, a delegate-at-large and chairman of the delegation in 1912, and a delegate-at-large again in 1916. Following the national convention at St. Louis, he

resigned from the national committee in June, 1916, his business requiring that a large part of his time be spent in New York City.

Mr. Wood was appointed by Governor Fred M. Warner, of Michigan, as one of the commission to purchase a silver service for the battleship "Michigan." He was tendered an appointment as a member of the Michigan state tax commission by Governor Chase S. Osborn, but declined. He served as president of the Genesee County Pioneer and Historical Society and upon the creation of the Michigan Historical Commission in 1913 was named as one of the commission by Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris. In 1916 he was elected president of the commission.

In 1913 Mr. Wood was appointed a member of the Mackinac Island state park commission by Governor Ferris and served as vice-president of the commission, resigning in September, 1916. He was instrumental in the placing of a bronze tablet on Mackinac Island to Jean Nicolet, the first white man to set foot on Michigan and the old Northwest territory, also a memorial tablet in honor of Lewis Cass, one of Michigan's foremost statesmen. Mr. Wood erected a memorial fountain on Mackinac Island in memory of his son; it is known as Dwightwood Spring and was dedicated with impressive ceremonies. He gave to the state museum at Mackinac Island a valuable historical collection.

Mr. Wood was named by Governor Ferris as a delegate to the centenary peace commission in 1914. In 1915 he was one of the board of arbitration representing Flint in the matter of fixing the price to be charged for gas. As a result of this arbitration the price of gas was reduced from one dollar to eighty-five cents.

In 1910 Mr. Wood was elected a vice-president of the General Motors Company, but resigned when the control was placed in the hands of a voting trust. In 1915 he again became connected with Mr. W. C. Durant and was elected early in 1916 a director in the Chevrolet Motor Company.

Mr. Wood initiated and secured the required stock subscriptions which brought about the founding of the Industrial Savings Bank of Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Wood is a Knights Templar and thirty-third-degree Mason. He was one of the committee which raised the funds to build the Masonic Temple in Flint and was a member of its board of trustees from its inception until 1915, when he resigned. He is a member of the Mystic Shrine, the Elks and various other fraternal societies. He was president of the Pioneer Guard of Michigan Sovereign Consistory and is a member of the "Old Guard" of Genesee Valley Commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Wood is a student of Michigan and Old Northwest history and has been a collector of early maps for many years. His special Old Northwest library is one of the largest private collections in the country. He is the author of many papers on the Old Northwest and of Historic Mackinac. In 1916 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by Notre Dame University in recognition of his service along historical lines.

Mr. Wood was married in 1889 to Emily Crocker, daughter of Stephen and Prudence Crocker, pioneer residents of Genesee county. Four children blessed their union, Dwight Hulbert, who was killed by a fire wagon in 1905 at the age of fourteen years; Albert Crocker, Leland Stanford and Mary B. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are members of the Episcopal church, he serving on the vestry of Trinity church at Mackinac Island.

He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution and the Detroit Athletic Club. Although a member of the Episcopal church, Mr. Wood has a profound respect for the work accomplished by the Catholic church and on every public occasion commends its influence for good. He dedicated the "History of Genesee County" to Rev. T. J. Murphy, and his work, "Historic Mackinac," to Rt. Rev. Monsignor Frank A. O'Brien, LL. D., both life-long friends.

Mr. Wood was a member of the committee appointed by the city of Flint to secure the new postoffice building. His associates were W. C. Durant, John J. Carton and Judge George E. Taylor.

The fund necessary to secure a life-size painting of Governor Ferris for presentation to the state of Michigan, was secured through the initial efforts of Mr. Wood, more than one thousand two hundred dollars being contributed by twelve hundred citizens, no one being permitted to give more than one dollar.

At the celebration of the Golden Jubilee marking the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Flint, in 1905, Mr. Wood was chairman of the executive committee. He was one of the original board of directors of the Flint Improvement League, now the Flint Board of Commerce. During his term as mayor of Flint, Bruce J. McDonald appointed Mr. Wood a member of the police commission. He has been active and public spirited in everything pertaining to the advancement of the best interests of the city, county and state.

SAMUEL SIDNEY STEWART.

Samuel Sidney Stewart, president and treasurer of the W. F. Stewart Company, manufacturers of automobile bodies, at Flint, is a native son of that city and has lived there all his life except four years in Pontiac. He was born on May 14, 1876, son of William Francis and Olive (Wyrick) Stewart, the former of whom was born in the dominion of Canada and the latter in the state of Ohio. Olive (Wyrick) Stewart was the daughter of Andrew and Julia (Kibler) Wyrick, who were the parents of five children, John, Olive, Edwin, Elizabeth and Julia.

William F. Stewart was born on a farm near the city of London, in the province of Ontario, Canada, the second of the eight children born to his parents, natives of Scotland, who emigrated to Canada and settled near London, where they spent the rest of their lives, the others of their children being John, Samuel, James, Charles, Sarah, Eliza and Martha. Though reared on a farm, William F. Stewart's tastes in the way of occupation ran in another direction and he early became apprenticed to a carriage-maker in London, where he became thoroughly grounded in the details of his craft, becoming a skilled and very competent workman. After learning his trade, he went to New York City and for some time worked there, later coming to Michigan and locating at Flint, where he entered the employ of W. A. Pater-son and worked in the latter's carriage shop for several years. At the end of that time he opened a shop of his own and set up in business for himself, in a small way, on the site of the present Walsh building, at the corner of Saginaw and Detroit streets, where for several years he engaged in the manufacture of buggy bodies. He then moved to Pontiac, where he established a similar factory, but presently returned to Flint and resumed the manufacture of buggy bodies, occupying the top floor of the old Beardsley & Gillies planing-mill. His business quickly outgrew the cramped quarters he had there and he built a plant on Second street and enlarged his facilities. That plant was destroyed by fire in 1892, but Mr. Stewart immediately rebuilt on a larger scale and, his business continuing to expand, he presently bought the Beardsley & Gillies plant, which he styled his "No. 2" factory, the Second street plant being known as "No. 1," and continued to operate the two plants very successfully. In 1900 Mr. Stewart found it necessary again to enlarge his facilities for handling his growing business and he built a "No. 3" plant at the foot of Harriet street and in 1907 a "No. 4" plant was erected for the exclusive manufacture of automobile bodies. In the meantime, in 1898, the business was incorporated under the firm name of

The W. F. Stewart Company. After 1900 W. F. Stewart gradually retired from the active affairs of his business, turning the management of the same over to his son, and lived practically retired the closing years of his life, his death occurring on May 20, 1911, he then being sixty-five years of age. In addition to his extensive manufacturing interests, Mr. Stewart owned a farm of three hundred and sixty acres the old Vose farm, just east of Flint, and was largely engaged in the raising of live stock and in dairying, taking great interest in the place, which he called "Woodside Dairy Farm." He also was a member of the board of directors of the Union Trust and Savings Bank of Flint and was in other ways interested in the business activities of his home town. He was a Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but was not an office seeker. He was reared in the Church of England and his widow, who still survives him, is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church. She was born in Ohio and was but a girl when her parents came to Michigan in the early days of the settlement of this section of the state. To William F. Stewart and wife two sons were born, the subject of this biographical sketch having a brother, William E. Stewart, of No. 903 East Court street, Flint.

Samuel Sidney Stewart was reared in Flint, the city of his birth, attending the public schools of his home town and early learning the details of his father's business, working in the shop on Saturdays and during school vacations. When fourteen years of age he quit school and went to work in the factory, working at the bench for about two years and thoroughly familiarizing himself with the details of the business. He then returned to school for a time and later was given a place in the Union Trust and Savings Bank, where he remained for nearly three years. At the end of that time he was made assistant to the general manager of the manufacturing plant of W. A. Paterson & Company and was thus engaged until he became associated with the W. F. Stewart Company. Upon the death of his father, he succeeded the latter as president and treasurer of the W. F. Stewart Company and continues in that capacity as the active directing force of the extensive manufacturing concern. When he became connected with the concern it was devoted wholly to the wood-working side of carriage making, but, since the death of the elder Stewart, has been given over exclusively to the manufacture of metal bodies for automobiles, the output of the plant for 1916 being about forty thousand bodies and continually growing. The concern is incorporated, with a capital and surplus of about three hundred thousand dollars and employs about five hundred persons. Mr. Stewart gives considerable attention to the general business activities of his home

town, in addition to the management of his large manufacturing concern, and is a member of the board of directors of the Union Trust and Savings Bank and of the Industrial and Savings Bank of Flint. Mr. Stewart is a Scottish-Rite and Royal Arch Mason, a Knight Templar, a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church and his wife is a member of the First Presbyterian church.

On May 29, 1901, that Samuel S. Stewart was united in marriage to Emma Cristy Willett, who also was born in Flint, daughter of J. Leverett and Rosa (Durant) Willett. She supplemented the course in the public schools of that city by a course in a finishing school for young women in Boston. Her parents also were both born in Flint, the Willetts and the Durants having been prominent in the early life of that city. Dr. John Willett, father of J. Leverett Willett, was a pioneer physician in this part of the state and also conducted a drug store at Flint. He and his wife were the parents of four children, Frank, Leverett, John and Vienna. Leverett Willett's young manhood was spent in his father's drug store and he later became one of the best-known traveling salesmen in Michigan. Both he and his wife are now deceased, his death having occurred on February 17, 1912, he then being about fifty-four years of age. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. Stewart having a brother, Wallace Willett, and a sister, Anna. Mrs. Stewart's maternal grandparents were William C. and Rebecca (Crapo) Durant, natives of Massachusetts, the latter of whom was a daughter of former Governor Crapo, of Michigan, and who were the parents of two children, her mother having had a brother, William C. Durant. To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart one child has been born, a son, Samuel Sidney Stewart, Jr. The Stewarts reside at No. 830 Avon street.

FRED ABBOTT ALDRICH.

Fred Abbott Aldrich, secretary-treasurer of the Durant-Dort Carriage Company, secretary-treasurer of the Dort Motor Car Company and secretary of the Copeman Electric Stove Company, all of Flint, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in Hamilton township, Van Buren county, this state, November 10, 1861, son of Almon Lyman and Dency (Abbott) Aldrich, natives of New York state, who later became well-known and influential residents of Flint.

Almon Lyman Aldrich was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and engaged in the newspaper business at St. Joseph, this state, where he was editor of a paper for three or four years, but in 1869, he moved to Flint and became editor and proprietor of the *Flint Globe*, which he conducted for many years, or until failing health caused him to retire. He was a stalwart Republican and his newspaper for years exerted a wide influence in behalf of the principles of that party in this section of the state. Mr. Aldrich was ever interested in local public affairs and at one time was a member of the board of trustees of the state school for the deaf at Flint. In the later years of his life he traveled quite extensively and after awhile went to live with his daughter, then living on a ranch in Texas, and he died there on October 27, 1912, at the age of seventy-eight years. His widow, who was born in New York state, daughter of Solomon and Lois (Hyde) Abbott, died at Ottawa, Kansas, February 19, 1916. G. L. Aldrich for years served as vestryman of the Episcopal church at Flint. He and his wife were the parents of three children, Fred A. Aldrich, Ralph Leonard Aldrich, of Detroit, and Mand, wife of William A. Bass, of Ottawa, Kansas.

Fred A. Aldrich was eight years old when his parents moved to Flint and his elementary education was received in the public schools of that city. He supplemented his high-school work by a course in Phillips-Exeter Academy, at Exeter, New Hampshire, and passed entrance examination for Harvard College. He learned the printer's trade, and served on the staff of his father's paper, the *Globe*, at Flint. On December 10, 1889, he entered the employ of Durant & Dort, at that time operating a manufacturing concern known as the Flint Road Cart Company, which, with a small force of men, was engaged in the manufacture of road carts. Upon the incorporation of that company on September 9, 1893, Mr. Aldrich was elected secretary of the company. In September, 1900, that company was re-incorporated as the Durant-Dort Carriage Company, for the manufacture of all kinds of road vehicles. Upon the organization of the Dort Motor Car Company, in 1916, Mr. Aldrich was elected secretary-treasurer of the latter company and has been secretary of the Copeman Electric Stove Company from its organization in 1910. He also is secretary and treasurer of Glenwood Cemetery Association of Flint and a member of the board of directors of the Genesee County Savings Bank.

On November 18, 1886, Fred A. Aldrich was married to Annie E. D. Chase, who was born at Flint, daughter of Zacheus and Lucy (Howard) Chase, the former a native of the state of Massachusetts and the latter of

this state, born at Flint. Zacheus Chase died at the age of fifty-nine years, and Mrs. Chase died in 1885, when she was a little past forty years of age. They were the parents of four children, Charles S. H., Annie E. D., George and Lucy. To Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich one child has been born, a daughter, Lucy Abbott, who married Niel J. Berston, Jr., of Flint, and has one child, a daughter, Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich are members of the Episcopal church, of which Mr. Aldrich has been a vestryman and secretary for many years. He is a member of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons: of Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, of which he is a past commander, and for the year of 1916 was grand commander of Knights Templar of the state of Michigan. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Loyal Guard. He served twelve years in the National Guard of the state of Michigan, and retired from that service as first lieutenant and regimental quartermaster of the Third Regiment, Michigan National Guard.

CHARLES TORREY BRIDGMAN.

Charles Torrey Bridgman, president of the Union Trust and Savings Bank of Flint and for many years one of the most energetic and influential figures in the business and civic life of that city, is a native of Ohio, born on a farm in the town of Huntsburg, in Geauga county, December 6, 1845. He is a son of Charles and Julianna (Warren) Bridgman, natives of Massachusetts, both of old New England stock, who were the parents of three sons who grew to maturity, Lewis Warren, William Henry and Charles Torrey, the latter of whom now alone survives. The Bridgman family in America was founded by James Bridgman, who came to this country from England about 1640 and settled in Massachusetts, where he married a Leyman. According to a recent work on genealogy, the Bridgman ancestry is traced back along a direct line to Hengst, King of the Saxons, 434 A. D., and along other lines to Alfred the Great, the early Scottish kings and French kings, including Charlemagne and William the Conqueror. On the Warren side the ancestry is traced back to the Warren and White families that settled in New England about the same time the Bridgman family secured a footing there, Elder White having been one of the early ministers



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of the Plymouth colony, and the Warrens tracing to Cotton Mather, the eminent theologian of early New England, a family represented along similar lines in the present generation by Bishop Henry W. Warren, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and by William F. Warren, for many years president of Boston University, cousins of Charles T. Bridgman.

Charles Bridgman, who was reared in Massachusetts, was a son of Noah and Sarah (Webb) Bridgman, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Vermont. Noah Bridgman was a cooper and became an early settler in Ohio, where he spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of five children, Charles, Isaac, Lewis, Amanda and Lucinda. Charles Bridgman married, in Massachusetts, Juliana Warren, who was born at Williamsburg, that state, daughter of Cotton Mather and Lois (White) Warren, the former a descendant of Cotton Mather and the latter of Elder White, of Plymouth colony. Cotton Mather Warren and his wife spent all their days in Massachusetts. They were the parents of five children, Mather, George, Juliana, Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Seely. Mather Warren, the first-born of these children, was the father of a famous family, among his sons being Bishop Henry W. Warren, who was a noted Methodist preacher in Philadelphia and Denver and who presided at the general quadrennial conference of that church at Minneapolis in 1912, and William F. Warren, who was for many years president of Boston University. Some years after their marriage, along in the latter thirties, Charles Bridgman and his wife and the two children who were born to them in Massachusetts moved into Ohio and settled in Huntsburg township, Geauga county. There Charles Bridgman entered a claim to a tract of "Congress land," on which he established his home, and there he spent the rest of his life. In addition to his general farming he engaged in the manufacture of brooms, raising the broom corn on his farm. He was a man of very strong convictions and was an outspoken Abolitionist in the days before that cause had gained any large degree of popularity, having been one of the two men in his home township who cast their votes for the Abolition party in 1844. He and his wife were members of the Congregational church. His wife died in 1873, at the age of sixty-nine years, and he survived her about eight years, he being eighty-one years of age at the time of his death, in 1881.

Charles T. Bridgman was reared on the paternal farm in Geauga county, Ohio, and received his elementary education in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, supplementing the same by a course in a private school and in the preparatory department of the old Chicago Uni-

versity. Later he took a course in Russell's Military School at New Haven, Connecticut, after which, in 1864, he came to Michigan and located at Flint, where he began clerking in the store of William L. Smith & Company and was thus engaged for several years, or until 1871. In that year he became a partner in the firm now known as Smith, Bridgman & Company, which was incorporated in 1907, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, and of which Mr. Bridgman is secretary and treasurer and Walter O. Smith, son of the late William L. Smith, president and general manager. The store, one of the oldest established commercial concerns in this part of the state, employs about one hundred clerks. In addition to his extensive commercial interests, Mr. Bridgman has long been actively connected with the banking interests of Flint and has also done his part in promoting the best civic interests of the community. When the Union Trust and Savings Bank was established in 1893 Mr. Bridgman was elected president of the same and has ever since occupied that position. The capital stock of the Union Trust and Savings Bank is one hundred thousand dollars, with a surplus of one hundred twenty thousand dollars and footings of more than three million dollars. Mr. Bridgman also has been honored by selection to many positions of business trust, some of the largest estates ever probated in Genesee county having had his services as administrator. In a civic capacity he has served as a member of the common council of Flint and for six years was a member of the city board of education and president of that board during the last two years of his incumbency, 1888-90. Mr. Bridgman is a Republican and, socially, is a member of the Flint Country Club and the Shakespeare Club, while for many years he has been one of the most active members of the Board of Commerce.

On September 13, 1870, at Caledonia, New York, Charles T. Bridgman was united in marriage to Sarah McKay, who was born at that place. June 23, 1847, daughter of James B. and Ann (Dean) McKay. Her father was a native of the state of Pennsylvania and her mother of New York. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Bridgman was second in order of birth, the others being Anna, Charles, Jennie and Francis. James B. McKay was the son of Mordecai McKay and his wife was a daughter of Orange Dean and wife, the latter of whom was a Fuller, both being natives of New York state. They were the parents of eight children, Ann, Abigail, Mary, Esther, John, Orange, Martin and Alexander. To Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman one son has been born, Lewis Henry Bridgman, now cashier of the Union Trust and Savings Bank at Flint. Lewis H. Bridgman married Nellie J. Davison, now deceased, who was the mother of three

children, Charles, Lewis (now deceased) and Helen. Seven years later Lewis H. Bridgman married Anna Wright, daughter of the superintendent of the state school for the deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Bridgman are members of the Congregational church and Mr. Bridgman is a member of the board of trustees of the same. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, having local connection with Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, the local chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the local commandery of Knights Templar; is affiliated with the Michigan Sovereign Consistory of Detroit, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason, and is a noble of El Khurafeh Temple, Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Saginaw. Mr. Bridgman has been an extensive traveler, not only in North and South America, but in Europe, Asia and Africa, and has made one trip around the world.

ARTHUR GILES BISHOP.

Arthur Giles Bishop, president of the Genesee County Savings Bank at Flint and prominently connected with numerous of the leading commercial and industrial concerns of that city, is a native son of Flint and has lived there all his life. He was born on April 12, 1851, son of Russell and Mary (Thomson) Bishop, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Kendal, England, whose last days were spent in Flint, Russell Bishop having been for many years one of the leaders in the commercial and financial life of that city.

Russell Bishop was born in LeRoy, Genesee county, New York, one of the seven children born to his parents, Giles and Phoebe (Wait) Bishop, natives of the state of Connecticut, whose last days were spent in New York state, but whose remains were brought to Michigan and buried in the cemetery at Flint. In 1837, the year Michigan was admitted to statehood, Russell Bishop came to this state and located at Flint, where he opened a general store and was for many years engaged in conducting the same, long having been one of the foremost merchants of that city. Under the administration of James K. Polk, he was appointed receiver of the land office at Flint and in other ways took a prominent part in the public life of this part of the state during the early days. He was one of the incorporators of the Genesee County Savings Bank at Flint, organized in 1872, was elected vice-president of the same, later being elected president of the bank.

and in this latter capacity served until his death, August 5, 1896, he then being eighty-one years of age. His wife had long preceded him to the grave, her death having occurred in 1861, at the age of forty-one years. They were members of the Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were four of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch, the third in order of birth, is now the only survivor, the others having been Sarah Elizabeth, who was the wife of Judge H. W. Stevens, of Port Huron, this state; Russell H., who died unmarried, and Tessie, who died at the age of six years. Mrs. Bishop's parents spent all their lives in England. They were the parents of two children, Mrs. Bishop having had a brother, Edward.

Arthur G. Bishop grew to manhood in Flint, the place of his birth. He was graduated from the Flint high school in 1869 and from the University of Michigan in 1873. Immediately afterward he was employed as collector and teller in the Genesee County Savings Bank and has ever since been actively connected with that sound old financial institution. Not long after beginning his service with the bank, Mr. Bishop was promoted to the position of cashier, some years later became vice-president and since the year 1912 has been president of the same. The Genesee County Savings Bank, as noted above, was organized on May 1, 1872, with a capital stock of \$50,000, its first president being James B. Walker. In the spring of 1916 the capital of the bank was \$100,000, with a surplus of \$400,000 and assets in excess of \$6,000,000, the officers being as follow: President, A. G. Bishop; vice-president, H. C. Spencer, and cashier, James Martin. On June 21, 1916, the Genesee County Savings Bank and the National Bank of Flint were consolidated, thus making one of the strongest financial institutions in the state of Michigan. The officers of the Genesee Bank were retained as officers of the new bank, the capital of which was increased to \$500,000, with \$500,000 surplus and \$100,000 in undivided profits. In addition to his banking connection, Mr. Bishop is a member of the board of directors of the General Motors Company, a director of the Chevrolet Motor Company, director and treasurer of the Monroe Motor Company and director and treasurer of the Copeman Electric Stove Company.

On September 24, 1879, Arthur G. Bishop was united in marriage to Carrie E. Spencer, who was born in Springville, Erie county, New York, May 8, 1855, daughter and only child of Horace C. and Catherine (Morris) Spencer, natives of New York state, who came to Michigan in 1871 and located at Flint, where they are still living. For years Horace C. Spencer was engaged in the hardware business at Flint; was also cashier of the Citi-

zens Commercial and Savings Bank and is now director and vice-president of the Genesee County Savings Bank and chairman of the board. To Mr. and Mrs. Bishop two children have been born, Russell Spencer and Katherine. Russell S. Bishop, an assistant to his father in the bank, married Mary Beason, of Nashua, New Hampshire, and has two sons, Arthur William and Russell Spencer. The Bishops are members of St. Paul's Episcopal church, of which Mr. Bishop is a vestryman. By political persuasion Mr. Bishop is a Republican.

LEWIS BUCKINGHAM.

Lewis Buckingham, former president and now vice-president of the Flint Board of Commerce and one of the leading merchants of that city (he and his brother, Capt. Frank D. Buckingham, operating as a partnership concern the clothing store established by their father, the late Major George W. Buckingham), is one of Flint's most energetic native sons. He was born in that city, January 26, 1877, son of Major George W. and Jeanette (Dibble) Buckingham, both natives of Michigan, the former also a native son of Flint and the latter born at Dexter.

The late Major George W. Buckingham had been a witness to the development of the city of Flint from the days when it was but a straggling hamlet. He was born on a homestead farm, land now covered by the city of Flint, on October 28, 1839, son of Lewis and Anna (Beach) Buckingham, natives of the state of New York, who came to Michigan in 1837. They entered a homestead claim on a tract of land now within the city limits of Flint and there established their home, being thus among the earliest settlers of that section. Michigan was admitted as a state in that year and the destinies of Flint seemed assured from the very first. Grandfather Buckingham became one of the prominent pioneers of this section and was a witness to its development for many years. He was the first sheriff of Genesee county. He lived to the great old age of ninety-three years and his widow survived him but a few weeks. On that pioneer farm George W. Buckingham grew to manhood, familiar with every detail of the early growth of his home town. As a young man his inclinations turned to merchandising and he secured employment in the general store of D. S. Fox & Company, where he was engaged as a clerk for some time. He later was elected sheriff of Genesee county and for eight years served in that important public

capacity. Upon the completion of his official service he engaged in the milling business at Mullett Lake and was doing well in that enterprise when his mill was destroyed by fire, entailing upon him a considerable loss. He then returned to Flint and again entered commercial pursuits as an employee of Smith, Bridgman & Company, who later financed him in the establishment of a clothing store at Flint, under the firm name of Buckingham, Smith & Company, which arrangement continued for about ten years. At the end of that time Mr. Buckingham bought the interests of his partners in the store and continued the business alone until his death, on June 14, 1901, victim of a railway accident, since which time the business has been continued by his sons.

Major Buckingham was for years one of Flint's leading merchants and built up a prosperous business. He was an honored veteran of the Civil War, having gone to the front as a lieutenant in the Twenty-third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and being mustered out as captain and brevetted major at the conclusion of his military service. He was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and ever took a warm interest in the affairs of the local post of that patriotic organization. As a Republican, he took a prominent part in the early politics of Genesee county and was a man of much influence hereabout all his life. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and ever took a warm interest in the affairs of that order. He and his wife were devoted members of the Presbyterian church and for years were looked upon as among the leaders in the good works of their home town. Mrs. Buckingham preceded her husband to the grave about four years, her death having occurred on April 17, 1897, at the age of fifty-six years. She was born at Dexter, this state, her parents having been pioneers of that section. Her father died when she was a young girl and her mother, Abigail (Cranson) Dibble, married, secondly, a Mr. Litchfield and moved to Corunna and thence to Flint. To Major Buckingham and wife five children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the youngest, the others being as follow: Capt. Frank D. Buckingham, partner in the Buckingham store; Florence, who married Stanley E. Parkhill and lives at Venice, California; Anna, who died in her young womanhood, and Abigail, who lives at Los Angeles, California.

Following his graduation from the Flint high school, Lewis Buckingham went to Columbus, Ohio, where he was engaged with the American Machine Company for a year, at the end of which time he was transferred back to Flint in the same employ. He was thus engaged until about a year before his father's death, when he entered the latter's store, in preparation

to taking general charge of the same, pending his father's ultimate retirement from business. At the time of his father's tragic death, his brother, Capt. Frank D. Buckingham, was in the army, but he resigned his commission and returned home and the two brothers since then have continued the business at the old stand, though still operating under the name of George W. Buckingham. Lewis Buckingham is regarded as one of Flint's most active merchants and takes an active part in the commercial life of the city. He was for some time president of the Flint Board of Commerce, his term of service expiring November 23, 1915, since which time he has been serving as vice-president of the board. He is a Republican, but does not take a particularly active part in politics.

On September 12, 1905, Lewis Buckingham was united in marriage to Emma Farnum, who was born at Owasso, in the neighboring county of Shiawasee, June 24, 1878, daughter of the Rev. W. L. and Harriet A. (Isham) Farnum, who came to Michigan from Delevan, Wisconsin. The Rev. W. L. Farnum was for many years pastor of the First Baptist church at Flint. He died at Tecumseh, this state, and his widow is still living. They were the parents of two children, Mrs. Buckingham having had a brother, who died in childhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham three children have been born, Lee Farnum, Lewis, Jr., and Harriet Jeannette. Mrs. Buckingham is a member of the Baptist church and both she and Mr. Buckingham take a warm interest in local good works.

Capt. Frank D. Buckingham, the other member of the Buckingham firm, also is a native of Flint. He was born on June 30, 1868, and upon completing the course in the local high school, entered his father's store and was engaged there until the breaking out of the Spanish-American War in 1898, when he enlisted for service in the Thirty-fifth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and, as captain of Company B of that regiment, went to the "front," which in the case of the Thirty-fifth Michigan happened to be Augusta, Georgia. Upon the conclusion of that term of enlistment, Captain Buckingham enlisted in the regular army and was sent to the Philippine Islands, where he served for two years as captain of Company D, Thirtieth Regiment, United States Infantry. Upon receipt of news of his father's tragic death, he resigned his commission, returned to Flint and, in association with his brother, Lewis, has ever since been engaged in the affairs of the old Buckingham store. Captain Buckingham is an energetic business man and is one of the directors of the Citizens Bank of Flint. He is a Republican, but is not active in political affairs.

On September 21, 1904, Capt. Frank D. Buckingham was united in

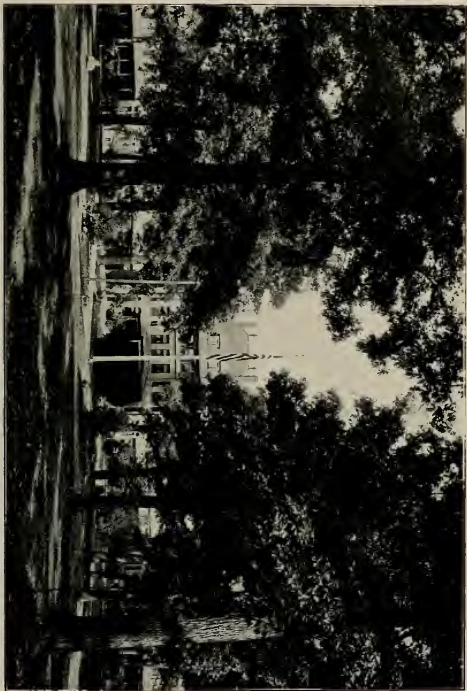
marriage to Nancy Hascall, who also was born at Flint, daughter of Henry and Isabella (Decker) Hascall, natives of Flint. The father was a well-known lumberman of that city, who died at the age of sixty and whose widow is still living. Mrs. Hascall is a daughter of Grant Decker, a well-remembered pioneer of Genesee county. To her and her husband five children were born, Harry G., Gertrude, Genevieve, Nancy and Carlton. To Captain and Mrs. Buckingham two children have been born, George Waite and Nancy Isabella. Mrs. Buckingham is a member of the Episcopal church and both she and her husband are warmly interested in local good works. Captain Buckingham is a member of Flint Lodge No. 25, Free and Accepted Masons; Flint Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; Flint Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, and is a noble of Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Detroit.

C. B. BURR, M. D.

Dr. C. B. Burr, medical director and executive officer of Oak Grove, a private hospital for the care of nervous and mental diseases, at Flint, former superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Pontiac, former president of the American Medico-Psychological Association, former president of the Michigan State Medical Society and one of the best-known alienists and neurologists in the United States, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the city of Lansing, November 3, 1856, son of Allen R. and Catherine (Foote) Burr, and was reared in that city, attending the city schools and Old's Academy, later Rork's Academy. In that city he also was first employed, filling the position of assistant postmaster before attaining the age of twenty-one. In 1875 he began to read medicine under the guidance of Dr. W. W. Campbell, of Mason. He studied under the preceptorship of Dr. C. N. Hayden, of Lansing, and attended the University of Michigan and the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the city of New York. From the latter institution he was graduated in 1878, commencing the practice of his profession immediately thereafter at Springport, this state. In November of that same year, however, he became identified with the eastern Michigan hospital for the insane at Pontiac, commencing, as an assistant physician at that institution, his career as an alienist and neurologist. From 1885 until 1889 he served as assistant medical superintendent and from 1889 until 1894 as medical superintendent. On September 1 of the latter year Doctor



C. B. Brown



OAK GROVE.

Burr severed, by resignation, his connection with the state institution in order to accept the position of medical director of Oak Grove, and has ever since been thus engaged.

While at Pontiac, Doctor Burr organized the first training class for attendants instituted in connection with the Michigan state hospitals. For the furthering of efficient teaching in this class, he wrote a "Primer of Psychology and Mental Disease," which volume, since amplified and adapted to the use of medical students as well as nurses, is now in its fourth edition, under the title of "A Handbook of Psychology and Mental Disease." In addition to preparing the above handbook, Doctor Burr has contributed largely to medical literature through reviews and correspondence, papers and addresses, being the author of the following: "Cocculus Indicus in Epilepsy," "The Insanity of Masturbation," "The Insanity of Pubescence," "Muscular Action as a Cause of Fracture in Paretics," "The Relation of Gynaecology to Psychiatry," "A Case of Primary Monomania (primäre Verruecktheit)," "Amelioration of Paretic Dementia Following Extensive Sloughs," "Paranoia with Delusions of Change in Sex," "Intra-Cranial Tumor with Absence of Diagnostic Symptoms," "Tachycardia Associated with Insanity," "An Unusual Case of Meningitis," "Valedictory Address" (training school for attendants at Pontiac, 1895), "Valedictory Address" (training school for attendants at Kalamazoo, 1897), "Psychiatric Suggestions," "A Winter Visit to the Wisconsin County Asylums," "An Altogether Unique Medico-Surgical Case," "Christian Science Folly," "What Improvements Have Been Wrought in the Care of the Insane by Means of Training Schools," "The Symptomatology and Progress of Inflammations as Modified in Mental and Nervous Diseases," "Some Mental Symptoms of More or Less Interest," "Clinical Lecture on Forms of Insanity" (International Clinics, 1894), "Clinical Lecture on Forms of Insanity" (International Clinics, 1896), "Paranoia," "Differential Diagnosis of Insanity," "Morbid Besetments or Obsessions," "Care of the Recent Case of Insanity," "Reflections on Traumatic Hysteria," "Physical Basis of Thought and Emotion," "Essentials of an Adequate System of State Supervision," "Delusions, Illusions and Hallucinations," "Biennial Reports of the Eastern Michigan Asylum, 1890 and 1892," "Concerning Morphine Addiction and Its Treatment," "The Size and Essential Features of the Model State Hospital for the Insane," "Syphilis of the Nervous System," "Some Unusual Sympathetic Nervous Disturbances Accompanying Hysteria," "Epileptics and Their Care," "Brain Tumor and Hysteria," "The Care of the Boy Approaching Manhood," "Some of the Embarrassments of an Executive," "Re-education Following Right

Hemiplegia," "Paranoia and Certain Paranoid Conditions in Their Relations to the Public and the Profession," "Dementia Praecox and Allied Conditions," "Diagnostic Hints in Insanity," "The Christian Duty of Caring for the Mind," "Symbolism in Sanity and in Insanity," "Witchcraft in Certain Medical and Legal Relations," "Medical Preparedness" (editorial in the *Journal of the Michigan State Medical Society*, March, 1916), "Art in the Insane" (American Medico-Psychological Association, 1916), "Differentiation in Mental Cases," sundry book reviews and correspondence in the *American Journal of Insanity*, the *Journal of the Michigan State Medical Society* and the *Revue de Psychiatrie*, Paris. To general literature, Doctor Burr has contributed articles on "The Mountaineers of North Carolina," "Some of the Insane Characters of Dickens," "The Physician as a Character in Fiction," "Abraham Lincoln," "Universal Military Training," and a lay sermon, "Burns's Epistle to a Young Friend."

Doctor Burr was secretary to the American Medico-Psychological Association for five years and was president of that association in 1906. He has served as president of the Northeastern District Medical Society and was the first president of the Detroit Society of Neurology and Psychiatry, organized in 1908. He was a member of the council, the executive body, of the Michigan State Medical Society, from the time of that society's reorganization in 1902 until 1909, for two or three years was chairman of the council and in 1911 was president of the Michigan State Medical Society. In addition to the foregoing societies Doctor Burr is a member of the Genesee County Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Neurological Association and the Mississippi Valley Medical Society. He is a foreign associate member of the Société Medico-Psychologique of Paris and a corresponding member of the Detroit Academy of Medicine: a member of the Wayne County Medical Association, of the Detroit Club, the Detroit Athletic Club, the American Red Cross, the Shakespeare Club, the Country Club, of all the Masonic bodies in Flint, of the Michigan Sovereign Consistory Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Doctor Burr has traveled somewhat extensively in America and in Europe. He was a student at the Kraepelin Klinik in Munich in 1909. He is a member of the staff of editorial collaborators of the *Journal of the Michigan State Medical Society*, was formerly a member of the executive committee of the Flint Board of Commerce, is president of the park board of the city of Flint, member of the state board of registration in medicine,

and was a director of the National Bank of Flint. He is director and executive officer of Oak Grove (hospital), senior warden in St. Paul's Episcopal church, member of the board of trustees of the Episcopal church, diocese of Detroit, member of the National Defense Association and Navy League, and a member of the national committee of the National Security League.

In 1886 Dr. C. B. Burr was united in marriage to Delia Ernestine Randall, of Norwich, New York, who died in 1888, leaving one child, a daughter, Ernestine Randall. In 1890 Doctor Burr married Annette Louise Wheeler, of Chicago. His only daughter, Ernestine, gracious, kindly and well beloved, died in January, 1914.

OTTO P. GRAFF.

Otto P. Graff, former treasurer of Genesee county, now treasurer and general manager of the Ford Sales Company at Flint, is a native son of Michigan, born in Exeter township, Monroe county, March 11, 1880. He is a son of Henry M. and Mary (Zink) Graff, natives of New York state, now living retired in the city of Flint, who were the parents of three children, Elizabeth, who married William Hanna, of Flint; Jacob A., who died in 1903, at the age of twenty-eight years, and Otto P.

Henry M. Graff was born on a farm in Niagara county, New York, son of Jacob and Mary (Wagner) Graff, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania, of German descent. Jacob Graff was born in the province of Wurtemberg, in 1819, and emigrated to America in 1837, settling in Pennsylvania, whence, after his marriage, he moved to Niagara county, New York, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. She died in 1896, at the age of seventy-six years, and he survived her seven years, being eighty-four years of age at the time of his death in 1903. They were the parents of eleven children, Elizabeth, Anna, Henry M., Charlotte, Maria, Seymour, Jacob, Catherine and three who died in infancy. Henry M. Graff was reared on the home farm in New York and became a very competent farmer. He enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War, serving as a private in the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, with which he was mustered out at the end of the war. He married Mary Zink, who was born in Erie county, New York, daughter of John Zink and wife, the latter of whom was a Klingelschmidt.

These parents were natives of Germany, who came to America and settled in New York, later coming to Michigan and becoming pioneers in Monroe county, after awhile retiring from the farm and moving to Monroe, where their last days were spent. John Zink died in 1889, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife had preceded him to the grave two years, having been about eighty years of age at the time of her death in 1887. They were the parents of nine children, John, Henry, Philip, Jacob, Andrew, Peter, Elizabeth, Mary and Lewis, who died in 1883.

In 1870 Henry M. Graff came to Michigan from New York. He bought a farm of eighty acres in Monroe county, whereon he established his home and there lived until February, 1883, when he sold the farm, which he had greatly improved meanwhile, and came to Genesee county. He bought a fifty-acre farm in section 6, Grand Blanc township, and there made his home until 1902, when he sold the place and bought the John McFarlan farm of one hundred and sixty acres one-half mile east of the village of Grand Blanc. There he lived until 1913, in which year he rented the farm and moved to Flint, where he and his wife are now living retired. They were reared in the German Lutheran faith, but upon coming to this state became connected with the Methodist Episcopal church and for years were among the leading supporters of the church of that denomination at Grand Blanc, Mr. Graff being one of the trustees of the same. He also took an active part in civic affairs in his neighborhood and held various township offices.

Otto P. Graff was about three years old when his parents came to this county and he was reared on the paternal farm in Grand Blanc township, receiving his elementary education in the district schools of his home neighborhood. He supplemented the same by a course in the normal schools at Flint and at Fenton, after which he began teaching school and was thus engaged for seven years. Mr. Graff is a Republican and for years has given close attention to the political affairs of the county. While he was teaching school he was elected supervisor of Grand Blanc township and served in that capacity for five years. He then was elected county treasurer and upon his retirement from the treasurer's office at the end of his term of service, four years later, engaged in the automobile sales business and has ever since been thus engaged. Upon the organization of the Ford Sales Company at Flint in 1915 Mr. Graff was elected treasurer and general manager of that company and is now serving in that capacity. This company was organized with a capital stock of twelve thousand dollars. Associated with Mr. Graff

in the business are C. O. Hetchler, president, and George H. McVannel, secretary.

On March 11, 1908, Otto P. Graff was united in marriage to Flora B. McNeil, who was born in Thetford township, this county, November 30, 1879, daughter of Alonzo O. and Carrie (Peek) McNeil, both natives of Genesee county, who are now living retired in Flint. Alonzo O. McNeil is a son of Andrew and Phoebe (Howe) McNeil, natives of New York state and pioneers of Genesee county; they were the parents of five children, George H., Mrs. Wealthy Cox, Alonzo O., Myron and Mrs. Mina Butler. Mrs. McNeil is a daughter of Andrew and Eunice (Terry) Peek, natives of New York state, also pioneers of Genesee county, who were the parents of six children, Elmer, Ira, Carrie, Lewis, Ardie and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Graff have one child, a daughter, Geraldine Vienna. They have a very pleasant home at No. 719 Liberty street. They are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Graff is a member of Friendship Lodge No. 174, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Genesee Lodge No. 24, Free and Accepted Masons.

JUDGE COLONEL OGDEN SWAYZE.

Judge Colonel Ogden Swayze, who for twelve years filled the office of police justice in the city of Flint and who is now serving his second term as judge of probate of Genesee county, is a native of New Jersey, born on the banks of the Delaware river, near Belvedere, that state, September 15, 1859. He is a son of Daniel and Sarah Catherine (Angle) Swayze, natives of New Jersey, who were the parents of seven children, of whom but two now survive, Judge Swayze having a sister, Rachel Adeline, wife of William Buck, of Sanford, Florida.

Daniel Swayze was a son of Ogden and Ruth Ann (Somers) Swayze, also natives of New Jersey, of Welsh stock. Ogden Swayze was a farmer and for some time served as sheriff of his home county. He and his wife were the parents of six children, Daniel, William S., John E., Edward H., Rachel and Clark. His wife died in New Jersey, when well past middle age, and he then came to Michigan and spent his last days with his daughter in Oakland county, being seventy-eight years of age at the time of his death. Daniel Swayze grew to manhood on the paternal farm and farming was his life work. During the Civil War he spent three years in the United States

naval service and rose to be an officer in the navy. Upon the completion of his naval service and after the war, he came to Michigan, locating on a farm near Rochester, in Oakland county. He had married before the war. Some years later he moved to Bay City and thence to Lapeer county, where he bought an eighty-acre farm and there made his home until 1887, in which year he sold the farm and moved to Flint. For some years he served as custodian of the Walker school in Flint and later bought a farm just west of the city, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1901, he then being sixty-seven years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave about ten years previously, she having been about fifty-nine at the time of her death. They were members of the Baptist church.

Colonel O. Swayze was reared a farmer boy, attending the public schools, and was graduated from the Hadley high school in Lapeer county, after which he attended the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso and upon his graduation from that institution began teaching, in time becoming principal of schools in Lapeer county. He then went to the state of Washington and was engaged as principal of the schools at Ritzville, that state, for two years, at the end of which time he returned to Michigan and located at Flint, where he entered upon the study of law in the office of Wisner, Lee & Aitken. On June 18, 1891, he was admitted to the bar by Judge William Newton. Shortly afterward he was elected police justice of the city of Flint and for twelve years filled that exacting office. In the fall of 1908 Judge Swayze was elected judge of probate for Genesee county and entered upon the duties of that office on the 1st of January following. In 1912 he was re-elected judge of probate and is now serving his second term in that office. Judge Swayze is a Republican and from boyhood has taken an active part in political affairs. He was one of the organizers of the Young Men's Republican Club at Flint and was its first president. He served for some time as secretary of the Republican county committee and was afterward for some time chairman of the committee.

On February 4, 1896, Colonel O. Swayze was united in marriage to Edith Kurtz, who was born in the village of Clarence, near Buffalo, in Erie county, New York, December 31, 1868, daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Diller) Kurtz, natives of New York state, who came to Michigan years ago and settled in Genesee county, where Jacob Kurtz died in the summer of 1915, at the age of seventy-two years, a wealthy and influential farmer. His widow is still living. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. Swayze having two brothers, Frank and Charles J. Kurtz. To Judge and Mrs. Swayze three sons have been born, Colonel Kenneth, Carl Ogden and

Donald Kurtz. They are members of the Baptist church and the Judge has held various offices in the church. Judge Swayze is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Detroit, and is a noble of Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Saginaw. He is past master of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, at Flint; a member of Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal and Select Masters, and of Genesee Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, at Flint; a member of Genesee Lodge No. 24, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Colonel Fenton Canton No. 27, Patriarchs Militant; he has risen to the rank of past grand patriarch, Michigan encampment, and was twice a representative to the sovereign encampment of the Patriarchs Militant, once at Baltimore and once at San Francisco. He also is a member of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the affairs of all these organizations takes a warm interest.

FLOYD A. ALLEN.

Floyd A. Allen, who is connected in various capacities with several enterprises of Flint and is generally recognized as one of the most progressive and energetic figures in the rapidly expanding industrial life of the city, is a native son of Michigan and has been a resident of Flint since 1908. He was born on a farm near Parma, Jackson county, May 5, 1877, son of Charles and Eunice (Jackson) Allen, the former of Puritan stock, born in Michigan in 1837, the latter of New York-Dutch stock, born in Akron, New York, in 1843. They were the parents of five children besides the subject of this sketch, namely: Edith (Mrs. O. J. Chapel) and Mead J., both of Parma; R. Z. and Walter C., both of Jackson, and Anna, who died in infancy.

Floyd, the third son, was reared on the paternal farm, attended the public school at Parma and was graduated from the high school at Albion. He managed his father's farm for three years, then entered Albion College, graduating from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1903. He then taught school for two years, then spent two years as a traveling salesman, until he entered the office of the Buick Motor Company at their Jackson plant. He was promoted rapidly, followed the company to Flint in 1908 and occupied positions of responsibility and trust until he

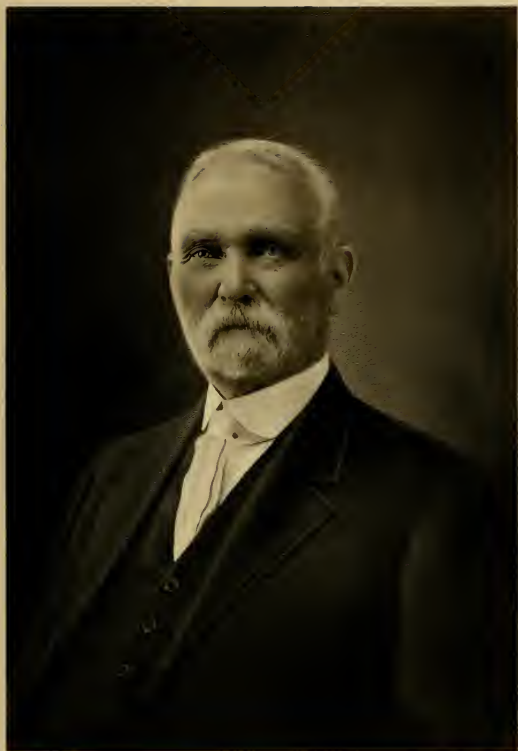
resigned his connection with them on August 1, 1916, in order to devote his entire time to his own large business interests.

On February 6, 1915, Floyd A. Allen was united in marriage to Mrs. Clara Petit, who was born at Port Huron, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Allen attend the Episcopal church and take a proper interest in the various social and cultural activities of their home city. Mr. Allen is a Republican, a member of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his wife reside at No. 502 East Kearsley street.

MATTHEW DAVISON.

Matthew Davison, former mayor of Flint, chairman of the board of directors of the Union Trust and Savings Bank of that city, of which he for years was cashier and general manager, owner of much valuable real estate in and about Flint and long regarded as one of the most substantial and progressive citizens of this county, is a native of Ireland, but has lived in Genesee county ever since he was a babe in arms and therefore is as one native born here, having never known any other home. His early playmates were Indian boys and he has been a witness to the development of this region from pioneer days, being recognized also as one of the most important factors in that wonderful development. Matthew Davison was born in County Antrim, Ireland, January 4, 1839, son of James and Jennie (Austin) Davison, both natives of Ireland, of Scottish descent, who later came to this country and settled in this county, where their last days were spent, honored and respected pioneers.

In referring to Mr. Davison's ancestral home, it is worthy of note that County Antrim has made a large contribution of her blood to the national life of the United States, as is evidenced in the following facts: The ancestors of President James Buchanan emigrated from the parish of Raloo; President Andrew Jackson's father was born in Ballyhill; President Andrew Johnson's father was a Presbyterian minister in Ballymena; President James A. Garfield's ancestors emigrated from Lisburn; President William McKinley's grandfather went from Ballymoney; President Theodore Roosevelt is descended, on his mother's side, from a family named Irvine who emigrated from Gleno in 1829; "Lighthorseman Harry" Lee, of Revolutionary fame, was from Gleno, as was Gen. Robert E. Lee; "Stonewall"



W. Davison

Jackson was of Antrim descent; Ephraim McDowell, of Gleno, was one of the pioneers of the state of Virginia and was ancestor to many eminent men in the United States; John C. Breckenrdige's ancestors also were from County Antrim. The parish of Raloo, where Mr. Davison was born, is five miles long and four miles broad, and it is authoritatively stated that there is not a family resident there at the present time but sent some of its members to America at an early day.

James Davison was born on a small farm near the city of Belfast, son of Matthew and Ellen Davison, who spent all their lives in their native land, where they reared a large family, of whom mention is made of Matthew, James, Agnes and Helen. James Davison was a weaver of fine linen and also owned a small farm in the Belfast neighborhood. There he married Jennie Austin, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Mahon) Austin, natives of Ireland, who also came to America later in life (all their children but one married daughter also coming to this side), and settled in Pennsylvania, where Samuel Austin spent the rest of his life. After his death his widow went to Iowa, where her last days were spent in the home of her son, David. She was the mother of seven children, Margaret, Henry, Jennie, David, Samuel, Mary and James. In 1840 James Davison and his wife and their first-born child, Matthew, the subject of this sketch, who then was but little more than a year old, came to the United States and lost little time in proceeding to the then wilds of Michigan, locating in this county. James Davison homesteaded a tract of eighty acres in Forest township and there established his home. He cleared and improved this place and was beginning to see his way clear to the development of a very comfortable home when death put a stop to his labors after he had been a resident of this county about twelve years. He died in 1854, being then about fifty-three years of age. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring at the home of her son, Matthew, in Flint, at the age of eighty-six years. They were earnest Methodists and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, those besides the subject of this sktch, the eldest, being Samuel, of Alpena this state; Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of William Crawford, also deceased; James L., of Alpena; David, of Prescott, this state; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Olds, and William H., of Alpena.

Matthew Davison grew up on the homestead in Forest township. When the Davisons settled there, there were but three white families in that township and as a youngster Matthew Davison's playmates were Indians, who

taught him the correct use of the bow and arrow and taught him much accurate wood lore. He was nine years old when the first school was organized in that section, his father having donated a corner of his farm for the purpose and erected thereon a small log school house. Matthew Davison was but fourteen years old when his father died and, as the eldest son, much of the labor of the further development of the home place devolved upon him. He remained with his mother until the other children were well grown, after which he spent some time working in the lumber woods, and at the age of twenty-five years went to Flint, where he began clerking in a general store and was thus occupied until his marriage, about five years later, after which he entered the mercantile business on his own account. He had saved his money and was able to start a small clothing store in a room, half of which he sub-let in order to reduce the expense of rent. He prospered from the very beginning of his venture and presently was compelled to seek larger quarters. About 1873 he erected a store building on the west side of Saginaw street, near First street, and there continued in business until failing health compelled him to seek relief in the open. He closed out his business, renting the store and engaged in the buying and selling of property, which gave him wider opportunity for being outdoors, and he ever since has been engaged in that business.

In 1894 Matthew Davison was called on to take charge of the Union Trust and Savings Bank of Flint, as cashier of the same, and for twenty-one years he continued as active manager of the bank, or until his resignation as cashier and manager on January 1, 1915, after which he was elected chairman of the board of directors of the bank, which position he now holds. The Union Trust and Savings Bank was established with a capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars, which Mr. Davison and the directors presently reduced to one hundred thousand dollars. The business of the bank has constantly grown until today its footings are about three million two hundred thousand dollars. In addition to his extensive banking interests, Mr. Davison is the owner of a number of farms in Genesee county and of considerable valuable real estate in the city of Flint. He is independent in his political views and has for many years given thoughtful attention to civic affairs hereabout, at one time serving as mayor of Flint, having been elected to that office on the Democratic ticket.

On February 9, 1869, Matthew Davison was united in marriage to Helen M. Richmond, who was born at White Lake, Oakland county, Michigan, daughter of John and Ann (Loop) Richmond, pioneers of that county, who were the parents of four children, Margaret, Helen, Loida and Diana.

Mrs. Davison died on April 28, 1913, leaving four children, namely: Arthur M., one of the leading clothiers of Flint, who married Harriet Cummings, a granddaughter of former Governor Begole, and has three children, Mary, Virginia and Elizabeth; Matthew, a well-known automobile dealer at Flint, who married Catherine McCreery and has three children, Matthew, Genevieve and Fenton McCreery; Ellen, now deceased, who married H. L. Bridgman and left two children, Charles and Helen; and William H., in the lumber business at Flint, who married Virginia Fenton and has two children, Mary Thayer and Eliza R.; the mother died in 1915. Mr. Davison is a member of the Methodist church and a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Detroit, as well as a noble of the Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in that city. He is a member of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons; Flint Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, in the affairs of all of which branches of Masonry he takes a warm interest.

HOMER J. McBRIDE.

Homer J. McBride, city attorney of Flint, this county, is a native son of Michigan, born on a farm in Caledonia township, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, April 8, 1879, son of James and Caroline (Ferris) McBride, the former a native of that same county and the latter of the state of New York. To them were born two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Frank, who is still living on the old home place in Shiawassee county.

James McBride's parents, Robert McBride and wife, the latter of whom was a Davids, were born and reared in Canada, where they were married. Robert McBride was a wagon-maker by trade, but later became a farmer and after his marriage came to Michigan and settled in Shiawassee county, where he cleared and improved a farm and there reared his family. He was sixty-five years old at the time of his death and his wife died at the age of fifty. They were the parents of nine children, James, Albert R., Robert, John, Sarah, Martha, Caroline, Emma and Mary. James McBride was reared on the pioneer farm and upon reaching manhood's estate bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which he cleared and improved. He married Caroline Ferris, who was born in New York state, daughter of

Schuyler and Amanda (Hobart) Ferris, both natives of that same state, who moved to Michigan in the early sixties and settled in Shiawassee county. Schuyler Ferris was a brick- and tile-maker and later became a farmer. He lived to the age of seventy-four and his widow is still living, at the age of seventy-six. To them eight children were born, Caroline, Christina, Charles, Lura, Emma S., Theda, Ella and May. James McBride died on his home farm in 1905, aged sixty-two years. His widow still survives him. She is a member of the Methodist church and for years has been active in good works in her home neighborhood.

Homer J. McBride's elementary education was received in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, and he supplemented the same by a course in the high school at Corunna, from which he was graduated in 1898. He then entered the law department of the University of Michigan and was graduated from the same in 1902, being admitted to the bar that same year. Previous to his graduation, however, he had been serving as deputy county clerk of Shiawassee county and he remained in that position until September 1, 1903, when he moved over to Flint and opened a law office in partnership with Clifford A. Bishop, now prosecuting attorney of Genesee county, who was a classmate of his at Ann Arbor. Upon the dissolution of that partnership, Mr. McBride located in his present offices, No. 300 Dryden building. In 1908 he was elected city attorney and has held that position ever since. Mr. McBride has taken an active interest in the development of Flint during the days of its recent "boom" and has erected a number of houses there. He is a Republican and takes a more or less active part in local political affairs. He was a member of the Flint board of health for several years and for three years served as a member of the Michigan National Guard.

On June 27, 1911, Homer J. McBride was united in marriage to Blanche Edith Cotharin, who was born in Richfield township, this county, August 1, 1884, daughter of George A. and Emma (Golden) Cotharin, both natives of this state. George A. Cotharin formerly was engaged in the coal and ice business, but is now living retired. To him and his wife four children were born, of whom Mrs. McBride is the youngest, the others being Arthur B., Jessie and George. Mr. and Mrs. McBride are members of the Episcopal church and take an earnest interest in the various beneficences of the same. Mr. McBride is past master of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons; a member of Corunna Chapter No. 33, Royal Arch Masons, and of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar. He also is a member of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the affairs of these various organizations takes a warm interest.

CLIFFORD A. BISHOP.

Clifford A. Bishop, prosecuting attorney for Genesee county, member of the law firm of Bishop & Blackney, with offices in the Dryden building at Flint, is a native of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Argentine township, this county, August 3, 1877, son of Henry L. and Charlotte M. (Chambers) Bishop, both natives of Michigan, who were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: George, of Williamstown, this state; Minnie, who is at home with her mother at Byron, this state; Charles, of Imperial, Oregon, and Tela, wife of Jephth Skimmer, of Argentine township, this county.

Henry L. Bishop was reared on a farm near Highland, this state, his parents, natives of New York state, having been early settlers in that vicinity. He was the second youngest of four children born to his parents, the others being William, Fred and Mrs. Amanda Tenny. When the Civil War broke out, Henry L. Bishop enlisted for service as a private in one of the Michigan regiments and served as a soldier until the close of the war, at the end of which service he became a farmer on his own account. He married and presently moved to Argentine, this county, where he opened a blacksmith shop and in the vicinity of which village he also engaged in farming for many years. Upon his retirement from the farm he moved to Byron, where he died in May, 1912, at the age of seventy-three years, and where his widow, now in her seventy-seventh year, is still living. She is a daughter of Frank and Mary (Hyde) Chambers, both natives of London, England, who were married in that city and shortly afterward emigrated to the United States, settling in the neighborhood of Commerce, this state, where they spent the remainder of their lives, both living to good old ages. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Bishop was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Charles, Frank, George, Mrs. Eliza Sullivan, Mrs. Sarah Goodspeed, and Maria, who died in her youth.

Clifford A. Bishop was reared on the paternal farm in Argentine township and was graduated from the Williamston high school in 1896. He then entered the law department of the University of Michigan and was graduated from the same in 1902. In that same year he was admitted to the bar and in 1903 began practicing his profession in Flint, as a partner of Homer J. McBride. This connection continued for four or five years, after which Mr. Bishop practiced alone until 1912, in which year he formed his present part-

nership with William W. Blackney, former county clerk, who is also a graduate of the law department of the State University. In 1912 Mr. Bishop was elected prosecuting attorney for Genesee county and took office on the first of the year following, appointing his partner as his assistant. Mr. Bishop is a Republican and has from his youth given close attention to local political affairs. He and Mr. Blackney are the organizers of the Paterson Auto Sales Company.

On July 19, 1902, Clifford A. Bishop was united in marriage to Agnes R. Sears, who was born in Canada, daughter of John and Mary (O'Neil) Sears, natives of the Dominion, who were the parents of eight children, Charles Edward (deceased), Mrs. Anna Weissinger, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Aileen Vermilya, Margaret, Mrs. Nora Kane, Maud, who died in young womanhood, and Donald, who died in early childhood. John Sears was a blacksmith. He came to Michigan about thirty years ago and located at Saline, in Washtenaw county, where he spent the rest of his life. His widow's last days were spent in Flint. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop are members of the Baptist church. Mr. Bishop is a Royal Arch Mason and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also is an Odd Fellow and a member of the encampment of that order; likewise a member of the Elks, the Modern Woodmen, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Loyal Guard and the Moose.

ALVIN NELSON CODY.

Alvin Nelson Cody, one of the prominent and successful educators of Michigan, was born in Mayville, Tuscola county, being the son of Nelson and Emily (Swift) Cody, the former of whom was a native of New Market, Canada, and the latter of Lapeer, Michigan.

Nelson Cody and wife were the parents of the following children: Emma F., the widow of Charles Mills, near Mayville, Michigan; Walter E., who resides on the home farm near Mayville; Hattie S., the wife of Benjamin Cody, of Ingersoll, Canada; Alvin N., superintendent of the city schools, Flint; Alice E., wife of John Paul, of Fremont, Michigan; Ernest E., superintendent of schools at Fenton, and Arthur N., who died when but two years of age.

Nelson Cody was reared on a farm in Canada and when about eighteen years of age came to Michigan and settled near Lapeer, where he followed the trades of carpenter and millwright. He and Horace Fox built the first

grist-, saw- and shingle-mill in Mayville, which was operated for several years. Later the health of Mr. Cody caused him to engage in farming, and he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he cleared and partly improved. In connection with his farm work, he grew and cultivated much fruit. He died in 1903, his wife surviving him until 1907. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cody were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Cody held several township offices.

The paternal grandparents of Alvin N. Cody, John and Anna (Richards) Cody, were natives of Canada, where Mr. Cody was a teacher. In 1849 he went overland to California in search of gold, but he never returned. The wife and mother lived on the home farm near Mayville, where she died at the age of eighty-four. They were the parents of two children, Nelson and John J.

The maternal grandparents were Joseph and Harriet (Young) Swift, natives of Connecticut. They were pioneers of Lapeer county, where Mr. Swift engaged in farming and the lumber business. Mrs. Swift died in early life, after which the husband retired from the farm and devoted his life to the real estate business. They were the parents of the following children: Emily, William, John and George.

Alvin Nelson Cody was reared on his father's farm and attended the district school and later the village school at Mayville, graduating from the high school. After teaching for one year in the rural schools, he was principal of the schools at Fostoria for three years and superintendent of schools at Laingsburg for four years, after which he entered Albion College and received his Bachelor of Science degree. In 1902 he received his master's degree at the University of Michigan. At this time he came to Flint as principal of the high school, serving as such for two years, and in 1904 was elected superintendent of the city schools.

Alvin N. Cody was united in marriage to Bertha Watters, the daughter of Whitfield and Mary Elizabeth (Davis) Watters. To this union one child has been born, Elizabeth. Mrs. Cody is a native of Hackettstown, New Jersey, this being the native state of her parents, who came to Michigan when she was but a little girl and settled near Ann Arbor. The family later moved to a farm near Mayville and here she attended school and graduated in the same class from the high school as her husband. She later attended Albion College and the University of Michigan with him. Mrs. Cody has one brother, Andrew D. Watters.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Cody were Ephraim and Elizabeth (Antone) Watters, both of whom were natives of New Jersey, where they

lived and died. They had three sons who grew to maturity, Whitfield, Jacob and John. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Cody were Henry and Catherine (Nun) Davis, who were natives of New Jersey, where Mr. Davis was engaged in farming and the lumber business. They had the following children who grew to maturity: Mary Elizabeth, Andrew, Jane and Almira. Mrs. Cody is eligible to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

CAPT. DAMON STEWART.

The late Capt. Damon Stewart, an honored veteran of the Civil War and for many years one of the best-known and most influential residents of the city of Flint, was a native son of Genesee county and lived there all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm on the present site of the town of Flint, February 5, 1834, son of Addison and Lucy (Tilden) Stewart, natives of New York state, who were among the earliest settlers in the Flint neighborhood, where they spent their last days.

Addison Stewart was of Revolutionary stock, his father, Charles Stewart, from Ashfield, Massachusetts, having been a "minute man" at the age of seventeen, and the latter's father, John Stewart, who was in the French and Indian wars, was also a lieutenant in the patriot army. Addison Stewart was born at Truxton, New York, May 29, 1811, and was married, April 23, 1833, to Lucy Tilden, who was born in Avon, Genesee county, New York, September 28, 1811. She was the daughter of Thomas Stillman and Lucy Catherine (Kingsbury) Tilden, the former born at Sandisfield, Massachusetts, May 10, 1782, and the latter at Sandisfield, Massachusetts, on May 10, 1789, the daughter of Lemuel and Lucy (Crittenden) Kingsbury. Lemuel Kingsbury served in the Revolutionary War, being a member of the Eighteenth Connecticut Militia Regiment, Capt. Benjamin Hutchins' company, in the New York campaign in 1776. Lucy C. Kingsbury, his first wife, died in 1803, and in 1816 he married Mrs. Louise (Hutchins) Smith, daughter of Colonel Hutchins. He moved to Ohio, where his death occurred on December 20, 1844. Thomas S. Tilden came from Knowlesville, New York, to Michigan in 1822 and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Ann Arbor, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on August 25, 1859. His widow then made her home with her son, Sylvester, until the death of the latter, after which she lived with her other children, spending the last years of her life in Flint, though her death occurred



Damon Stewart

at Linden in 1870, while on a visit to her son, Lemuel, at that place. Thomas S. Tilden and wife were the parents of six children, Lemuel, Lovisa, Laura, Lucy, Eliza and Sylvester.

Following their marriage, in April, 1833, Addison Stewart and his wife came to Michigan, arriving at Flint on May 1 following. They began housekeeping in a part of Judge Stowe's house, but presently, when they secured their farm adjoining the village on the north, they erected a log cabin there and established their home. The tract of land that Addison Stewart homesteaded was partly cleared, thirty acres of it having formerly been used from time immemorial as corn land by the Indians. He thus gained an early start in his farming operations and soon came to be recognized as one of the most substantial farmers in that section. He and his wife were early members of the Presbyterian church at Flint and in all ways were helpful and useful in the new community. Addison Stewart died in 1848. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, those besides the immediate subject of this review being, Harriet; Laura E.; Lieut. William Charles, who was killed at Resaca, Georgia, during the Civil War; Ann; Richard A., who was killed at Jonesboro, Georgia, while serving his country during the Civil War, and Catherine.

Damon Stewart's youth was spent on the pioneer paternal farm on the outskirts of Flint. In 1843 the family moved into Flint, where young Damon began clerking in "The Old Scotch Store," which occupied the site now occupied by the Copeman stove store, on the corner of North Saginaw street and Second avenue. He grew to manhood here and became identified actively with the growing city's business interests. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted, on April 19, 1861, for the three-months service in Company F, Second Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in on May 25, 1861, having left for Fentonville and Detroit on April 30th. Upon the termination of that term of enlistment, he re-enlisted and rose from the rank of private to corporal and then to sergeant. On May 5, 1862, he was wounded in the hand during an engagement at Williamsburg, Virginia, and was honorably discharged on August 6, 1862, being mustered out as adjutant of the Twenty-third Infantry. In the meantime, he had been very active in recruiting for this regiment, and on the above date he was commissioned first as lieutenant and adjutant of that regiment, and mustered in as captain on September 11, 1862. Captain Stewart served with his regiment until his final discharge on March 6, 1865, and upon the completion of his military service returned to Flint, where he engaged in the dry-goods and wool-mill business. He married in the fall of 1867, and

later came into possession of his father's old homestead farm on the edge of Flint, which he began to operate, though continuing to make his home in Flint. He later devoted his whole attention to his farm and was thus engaged at the time of his death, on December 4, 1905, he then being at the age of seventy-one years and ten months. Captain Stewart was one of the original Republicans in Michigan, but in later life devoted his political allegiance to the Prohibition party, being one of the most ardent advocates of the temperance cause in this section of the state. He and his wife were originally Presbyterians, but later united with the Congregational church, and for years Captain Stewart was active in the Sunday schools of both churches.

On October 23, 1867, Capt. Damon Stewart was married to Frances McQuigg, who was born at Barton, Tioga county, New York, on January 25, 1841, the daughter of Edmund Hobart and Eliza Jane (Hall) McQuigg, natives of that same state, who were the parents of two children, Mrs. Stewart having had a sister, who married William Moore, of Los Angeles, California. The mother of these children died in California, and Edmund H. McQuigg later married again and in 1856 came to Michigan, locating in Flint, where he engaged in the lumber business, owning and operating the lumber-mill afterwards owned by Mr. Crapo. He made his home in a house that stood on the site of the present postoffice, and there his death occurred in 1887, being then past eighty years of age. Edmund H. McQuigg was the fourth in order of birth of the ten children born to his parents, Daniel and Charlotte (Hobart) McQuigg, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Connecticut, whose last days were spent in Spencer, New York. The other children of the family were Daniel, Charles, John, Jesse, Esther, Mindwell, Eliza, Charlotte and George. The senior Daniel McQuigg was a son of John McQuigg, a soldier in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. Eliza Jane (Hall) McQuigg was a daughter of Lewis and Mary (Corey) Hall, residents of Orange county, New York, who moved to Cayuga county, same state, where they spent their last days, and who also were the parents of ten children, Jonathan, Hervey S., Mary Ann, Eliza Jane, Phoebe Elmira, Frances Augusta, Hannah Rosemond, Susan Emily, Margaret Antoinette and Gilbert Lewis. Mrs. Mary (Corey) Hall was a daughter of Jonathan Corey, who was a soldier in the patriot army during the War of the Revolution. Lewis Hall was a son of James Hall, who also was a soldier in the patriot army.

To Capt. Damon and Frances (McQuigg) Stewart six children were born, namely: Hobart A., born on December 6, 1868, who, on May 18, 1904, married Mary C. Dewey, and died on October 22, 1915; Mabel, born

December 28, 1870, a teacher in the kindergarten schools of Flint; Lucy Tilden, born December 18, 1873, who is living in Flint; William C., born March 10, 1876, a well known attorney of Flint, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Bertha, born April 18, 1879, became the wife of Dr. Frederick D. Striker, and is now living at Grant's Pass, Oregon, and Frances E., born January 13, 1882, a teacher of domestic science in the schools of Chicago. Mrs. Frances M. Stewart is still living at her pleasant home in Flint, where she enjoys many evidences of the high regard in which she is held by the entire community.

EDMUND A. BRANCH.

One of the leading educators of Genesee county is Edmund A. Branch, superintendent of the Otisville schools for a decade. Faithfulness to duty and a strict adherence to a fixed purpose, which always do more to advance a man's interest than wealth and advantageous circumstances, have been dominating factors in his life, which has been replete with honor and success worthily attained. He was born in Forest township, Genesee county, November 9, 1868, and is a son of James Andrew and Julia (Hayward) Branch. The father was born in the state of New York, and when a small boy his parents brought him to Genesee county, Michigan. The father followed his trade of stone-mason in Flint, but later returned to New York, where he died, the mother then coming back to Genesee county, where she spent the rest of her life with her son, James Andrew. Three of her sons enlisted for service in the Union army. James Andrew upon reaching maturity, married Julia Hayward, who was born in Ontario, Canada, from which province she came with her parents, when ten years of age, to Forest township, Genesee county, Michigan. Her father was a millwright by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Branch located on a farm in Forest township, where they are still living. They are the parents of nine children, namely: Edmund A., of this sketch; Harry lives in Flint; William makes his home in Bay City, Michigan; Ruby lives in Battle Creek; Julian D. is deceased; Roy is at home; Josephine is the wife of Bruce Ferguson, of Battle Creek; Lula is the wife of Jay Fox, of Flint; Lee lives in Flint.

Edmund A. Branch received his primary education in the district schools, then went to Ann Arbor and took a preparatory course, and when only seventeen years of age he began his career as teacher. He taught three terms in

the district schools of Forest township, then taught in the Otisville high school two years, after which he was superintendent of the schools at Otter Lake for five years; then he was for five years superintendent of the schools at Hadley, and nine years superintendent at Otisville; then returned to Hadley as superintendent for three years. He came back to Otisville in 1914 and has since been a superintendent of the schools here. He has done much to encourage a better system of schools in Genesee county and has kept well abreast of the times in educational work. His services have been eminently satisfactory from the first.

Mr. Branch was married on August 25, 1891, to Mabel J. Merriam, a daughter of Susan M. Merriam, a widow. To this union four children have been born, namely: Charles Andrew was graduated from the Flint high school and attended the engineering department of Northern University at Ada, Ohio; Ralph was graduated from the Hadley high school and from the creamery department of the Michigan Agricultural College; Marian and Hira are attending school.

Mr. Branch owns a good farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres in Forest township. Politically, he is a Republican and takes an active interest in party affairs. He was county school examiner for four years, township clerk of Forest township for four years, and has also been a member of the village council. For the past year he has been president of the Genesee County Athletic Association.

HERMAN HUGHES.

Herman Hughes, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Herman Hughes Lumber Company at Flint, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Mt. Morris township, August 5, 1888, son of Frank and Margaret (Daly) Hughes, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families in that part of the county and the latter of whom is still living, making her home in the town of Mt. Morris.

Frank Hughes was the elder of the two sons born to his parents, John Hughes and wife, early settlers in Mt. Morris township, he having had a brother, William. The mother of these sons died at a comparatively early age and John Hughes married again, four children being born to this second union, Thomas, Edward, Margaret and Mary. Frank Hughes was reared

to the life of a farmer and became the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in his home township, where he spent the rest of his life. He married Margaret Daly, who was also born in Mt. Morris township, daughter of Christopher and Julia (Gahan) Daly, early settlers of that township, where they still live, at ripe old ages, and to whom eleven children were born, of whom Mrs. Hughes was the seventh in order of birth, the others being Thomas, Lawrence, Edward, Linus, Mary, Elizabeth, Jeannette, Julia, James and Francis. Frank Hughes died at his home on the Stanley road in 1897, he then being about forty-six years of age, and his widow, who still survives, is now making her home in the village of Mt. Morris. She is a member of the Catholic church, as was her husband, and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being as follow: John, Charles, Julia, who married Edward Curran, of Genesee township, this county; Mary, wife of William Beach, of the village of Mt. Morris; Rose, wife of Patrick Callahan, of Flint, and Raymond, who died at Mt. Morris on May 8, 1916.

Herman Hughes was reared on the paternal farm in Mt. Morris township, receiving his elementary education in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, and supplemented the same by a course in the high school at Mt. Morris, upon the completion of which he entered Assumption College at Sandwich, Ontario, from which he was graduated in 1905. Upon his return from college he entered the employ of the Randall Lumber Company at Flint and remained with that concern for about ten years, becoming thoroughly familiar with the details of the lumber business as related to this section of the state. On December 21, 1914, he organized the Herman Hughes Lumber Company, with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, C. A. Houran, president, and Herman Hughes, secretary-treasurer and general manager, and has ever since been engaged in business on his own account.

On September 21, 1909, Herman Hughes was united in marriage to Catherine Doherty, who was born in the city of Flint, December 11, 1886, daughter of Cornelius and Johanna (Ryan) Doherty, the latter of whom died in 1899 and the former of whom is still living at Flint, being now employed in the Buick factory. Cornelius Doherty and his wife had five children, who grew to maturity, Francis, Patrick, John, Catherine and Pauline. To Mr. and Mrs. Hughes three children have been born, Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas John and Paul Cornelius. Mr. Hughes is a Democrat in his political allegiance and he and his wife are members of the St. Michael's Catholic church at Flint. Mr. Hughes is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

COL. EDWARD H. THOMSON.

Edward Hughes Thomas was born at Kendal, in the lake county, Westmoreland, England, June 15, 1810. His parents were Edward Hughes and Mary Thomson, his wife. His mother died while he was quite young and his name was transposed to Edward Hughes Thomson. His father, who was English born, moved to Boston, Massachusetts, while the subject of this sketch was a small boy. When he had reached the proper age, he was sent to school at the academy at White Plains, New York, for several years. Later he sailed before the mast for two years, but then, deciding to educate himself for the law, he entered the law office of Millard Fillmore at Buffalo. When he was twenty-two years old, having been duly admitted to the bar, he located at Buffalo, but soon removed to Cleveland, Ohio. In 1836-37 Michigan received a large number of immigrants from other states and among them was Colonel Thomson, who reached this state in the spring of 1837 and located in Atlas, which was then a part of Lapeer county.

Governor Stevens G. Mason, Michigan's first governor, appointed Mr. Thomson prosecuting attorney of Lapeer county. He remained there but one year, however, when he removed to Flint and entered into a law partnership with John Bartow, who was then registrar of the United States land office at Flint.

Among the first lawyers who came to the little town of Flint were Mr. Rugg and John Bartow, experienced, able lawyers, coming from different localities, but with a kindred purpose, to escape the influence of conviviality, which at that time permeated all classes in older settlements. Men of liberal education, with culture and refinement; gracious and urbane in manner, they gave a tone and trend to legal practice quite unusual in small towns, where generally the pettifogger, with little knowledge of law and less of general culture, thought the man who could use the most abusive language to his opponent in the case was the best lawyer. A little later came William Fenton and Levi Walker, men with profound knowledge of the law and gentle, dignified manner; so that it happened early Flint escaped the blatant lawyers.

In 1845-46 Mr. Thomson was prosecuting attorney for Genesee county. In 1847 he was elected to the state Senate, his district embracing Genesee, Oakland, Lapeer, Shiawassee and Tuscola counties and the entire upper peninsula. He was the father of the bill which provided for the location of the institution for the deaf, dumb and blind in Flint and the insane asylum at Kalamazoo. By his activity in the advocacy of a foreign emigration bill he attracted the favorable notice of Governor Ransom and was appointed

state immigration agent, with headquarters at New York city. Subsequently his headquarters were changed to Stuttgart, Germany, and by his indefatigable efforts he was directly responsible for the removal of over twenty thousand hard-working Germans to the state. When the War of the Rebellion broke out, Governor Blair appointed him a member of the state military board and, later, Colonel Thomson was made president of the board.

With all his busy life, Colonel Thomson always found ample time to cultivate the graces of life and, as a social, genial gentleman, was beloved by a host of friends. He was a ripe Shakespearean scholar and his magnificent Shakespearean library, which now, through the munificence of the late James McMillan, graces the University of Michigan, is one of the finest private collections ever made in the Central states. In 1878-9 Colonel Thomson served the city of Flint as its mayor. He died on February 2, 1886. He was twice married. His first wife was Mary Bemis, of Buffalo, New York, by whom he had one daughter, Mary, afterwards Mrs. A. B. Witherbee, and one son, John R. Thomson. In 1840 he married Sarah Teresa Bush, of Flint, and to this union one son, Edward H. Thomson, Jr., was born, and who died November 1, 1880, John R. Thomson having died some years before.

MRS. SARAH TERESA THOMSON.

Mrs. Sarah Teresa Thomson, wife of Col. E. H. Thomson, was born July 10, 1818, at Brighton (near Rochester), New York state. Her parents, David and Laura A. Bush, were of staunch, sturdy New England stock. She inherited from her father a character almost rugged in its straightforward uprightness. She enjoyed a course of study in Leroy (New York) Female Seminary under the tutelage of Mrs. Ingham Stouton, an eminent instructress of young women. This was one of the early schools affording advanced education for women. In 1836 her father removed with his family from Rochester to Shiawassee county, Michigan, and from thence Mrs. Thomson made her way to Flint, where she opened a school for young ladies.

For nearly fifty years Mrs. Thomson lived in Flint and all this time she was more or less a teacher in Biblical and historical studies, continually diffusing an atmosphere of intelligence, culture and devout religious thoughts. In 1840 she was married to Edward H. Thomson and at once her home became the center of the social life of the growing city. Without question, no person exerted more beneficent and wide-felt influence upon the community.

She was foremost in every effort of education and uplift to others; foremost in every good word and work for benevolence and helpfulness. Her grand native intelligence, enriched by broad culture and extended travel, together with a home filled with rare books and treasures of art, was ever freely and readily used for the pleasure and profit of all who sought.

Perhaps Mrs. Thomson's most distinguishing characteristic was her sympathetic nature—possessing a heart large enough to feel for all suffering; far-reaching in its tenderness, even like the divine pity. Thus, as a necessity, she became a shelter, a support, a defender to the sick, the helpless, the friendless. In full measure she had the large heartedness that could weep with those that wept and rejoice with those that rejoiced.

When the ear heard her then it blessed her;
When the eye saw her it gave witness to her,
Because she delivered the poor that cried:
The fatherless, also, that had none to help him.
The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon her:
And she caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
She put on righteousness and it clothed her;
Her justice was as a robe and diadem.
She was eyes to the blind and feet was she to the lame.
She was a mother to the needy;
And the course she knew not she searched not.

Mrs. Thomson died on Easter day, April 10, 1887. She was survived by a son, Edward H. Thomson, Jr., who died the following year.

ROBERT J. WHALEY.

Robert J. Whaley, president of the Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank of Flint, has been a resident of that city for nearly fifty years and during that time has exerted a wide influence upon the financial and industrial life of this community. In 1880 he was elected president of the Citizens National Bank of Flint, which later was re-incorporated as the Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank, and has been president of that strong financial institution ever since, a period of thirty-six years, probably a record for continuous tenure in such an office in this state. He has not only been successful in his own business affairs, but has contributed largely of his time and talents to the public welfare and in that connection has rendered a valuable service, long having been recognized as one of the ablest financiers in Michigan. He formerly was a member of the board of trustees of the state



R. J. Whaley

charitable schools, including the school for the deaf at Flint, the school for the blind at Lansing and the state public school at Coldwater. For the two years of his administration he returned to the state twenty-eight thousand dollars of the appropriation for the charitable institutions, although the maintenance of the schools during these years was as good if not better than ever before. This act was so unique in political history and so wholly unexpected that it attracted considerable attention and comment at the time. As a result of this action, Mr. Whaley was singled out as a target and it long afforded him cause for merriment to reflect that as a reward for his economy in the state's behalf he was legislated out of office. For many years Mr. Whaley was the keeper of finance for the Knights of the Maccabees, an organization that has disbursed more than twenty millions of dollars among its beneficiaries, and so efficiently did he discharge the duties of that office that his re-election from year to year was always taken for granted, there being no opposing candidate for the place until he finally declined to serve further. In the "tents" of the Maccabees, far and wide, he became known as "the man who never talks." Mr. Whaley's services also have been continually in demand by various civic and corporate factors in the community life and he is or has been a director in numerous important concerns in and about Flint. Beginning his service in this community as an associate of his father-in-law, the senior Alexander McFarlan, in the lumber business at a time when lumbering and its allied industries formed the chief industry hereabout, Mr. Whaley has been a witness to the wonderful development that has marked the affairs of this region within the past generation, a development that has lifted Flint from a straggling village, such as it was at the time of his arrival there nearly a half century ago, to the compact, well-built city it is today—one of the most important manufacturing centers in the state—and he has been one of the most vital factors in that development, a fact gratefully recognized throughout this entire community.

Robert J. Whaley was born in Castile township, Wyoming county, New York, December 8, 1840, the son of Jeremiah M. and Parnelia Ann (Flint) Whaley, both natives of that same county, the former born in Castile township and the latter in Pike township. They were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister, Janet, now deceased, who was the wife of Stephen J. Clewell. Jeremiah M. Whaley was born in a country tavern kept by his parents, Robert and Janet (McKay) Whaley, the former of whom was born in Rhode Island and the latter in Scotland, she having come to this country with her parents when a child. Robert

Whaley, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, built the first saw-mill in the town of Castile, New York. He also engaged in farming and conducted a wayside tavern. To him and his wife two sons were born, Mordecai and Jeremiah. The latter, the father of Robert J. Whaley, continued to conduct the old Whaley tavern until the death of his wife, when he moved to Wisconsin and located at Hudson, where he engaged in the mercantile business and where he died at the age of seventy years, in 1884, a few days after the election of Grover Cleveland to the Presidency. He was an ardent Democrat and a great admirer of Mr. Cleveland and the excitement incident to the announcement of his favorite's election brought on a fatal stroke of paralysis. During the Pierce administration Jeremiah Whaley served as postmaster of Hudson, Wisconsin, and was at one time a candidate for the Legislature from a district that comprised the west side of Wisconsin up to Lake Superior. He was married twice after going West and to each of these latter unions two children were born, as there were to his first union. His first wife, mother of Robert J. Whaley, was a daughter of Samuel and Samantha (Ellis) Flint, both natives of New York state, whose lives were spent in Wyoming county, that state. Samuel Flint was born on Bowman's creek, Canajoharie, Montgomery county, New York, about 1778. He became the owner of a thousand acres of land in Wyoming county and was regarded as one of the wealthiest men in that section of the state. He died in 1858, at the age of eighty years, and his widow, who was born about 1806, died in 1861. They were the parents of eleven children, Deborah, Smith and David (twins), James, Daniel, Emmeline, Samuel, Parmelia Ann, Jerome B., Eugene N. and Marie Louise.

Robert J. Whaley was but eight years old when his mother died and he was taken care of by his maternal grandparents when his father went West. Two years later his father returned to New York after his children and they accompanied him to Hudson, Wisconsin, where Robert J. Whaley grew to manhood among the Indians, who formed the greater part of the population of that section at that time. Upon the death of his uncle, Mordecai, he was called back to New York by his grandmother to take charge of the extensive farming interests of the family, and he remained with his grandmother until her death, four years later, after which he returned to Wisconsin and was there engaged in farming for a couple of years. While in New York, Mr. Whaley had become acquainted with Mary McFarlan, of Flint, Michigan, who was visiting kinsfolk in the neighborhood of his grandmother's home, and on January 24, 1867, he married Miss McFarlan. On the 1st of October, following, he took up his residence at Flint, entering the

employ of his father-in-law, Alexander McFarlan, which close and intimate association continued until the latter's death, in 1881. Alexander McFarlan was for years one of the most conspicuous figures in the financial and industrial life of Genesee county and one of the most active factors in the early growth and development of the city of Flint. He was born at Amsterdam, New York, and was married at Caledonia, in that state, to Margaret Ann Simpson, who was born at Caledonia. In 1850 he came to Michigan and engaged in the lumber business at Flint, quickly taking a prominent part in that then flourishing industry in this part of the state. He prospered and became connected with various enterprises, including the banking business, and was for years one of Flint's most useful and influential citizens. Alexander McFarlan and wife were the parents of four children, Jennie, Mary, Alexander and Anna, the two first of whom were born in Caledonia. Mrs. Whaley's birth occurred in March, 1846, she therefore having been but a child when she came to this state with her parents. Mrs. McFarlan died at Jacksonville, Florida, whither she had gone seeking restoration of health, in 1881, and Mr. McFarlan died at his home in Flint three months later, April 22, 1881.

Alexander McFarlan was one of the leading stockholders in the old Citizens National Bank at Flint at the time Mr. Whaley became associated with the McFarlan interests in that city and he encouraged his son-in-law to acquire a thorough knowledge of the banking business. Beginning as a bookkeeper and collector in the bank, Mr. Whaley became thoroughly conversant with the business of the bank and in 1880 was elected president of the concern. Upon the reorganization of the old Citizens National Bank and the organization of the Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank, Mr. Whaley was elected president of the latter concern and has thus been president of the bank continuously for the past thirty-six years. In addition to his other extensive interests, Mr. Whaley also is actively interested in real estate affairs and has done a large business in that line in and about Flint.

To Robert J. and Mary (McFarlan) Whaley one child has been born, a son, Donald McFarlan, who died at the age of ten years. Mrs. Whaley is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church at Flint and Mr. Whaley is an attendant on the services of that church. Both have for many years been looked upon as among the leaders in the social and cultural activities of their home town and earnest promoters of all movements having to do with the betterment of general conditions hereabout. Mr. Whaley is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs. In 1912 he was his party's candidate for treasurer of state. He is a thirty-

second-degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Detroit, and is a noble of Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in that same city. His local Masonic affiliations are with Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar. He also is a member of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the affairs of all these organizations takes a warm interest.

CHARLES E. TAYLOR.

Charles E. Taylor, who for nearly two decades has been connected with the banking business at Clio, was born in Thetford township, Genesee county, February 24, 1874, the son of Henry J. and Elvira (Sweet) Taylor. Henry J. Taylor was born in the same township and county on May 24, 1847, and his death occurred on November 26, 1904. He was a farmer and lived practically his whole life in Genesee county. Elvira Sweet was born in Russell, Ohio, on November 19, 1856, but from her ninth year lived in Thetford township, Genesee county. On January 12, 1916, she became the wife of Frank A. Wheeler, a prosperous farmer, and they are living at Clio. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Taylor were born eight children, as follow: Charles E., subject of this sketch; Elmer H., a farmer of Thetford township; Benjamin R., a farmer living near Mayville, Michigan; Jesse R., a farmer living at Flint; Mrs. Viste M. DeCamp, whose husband is a farmer in Muskegon county, this state; Gladys A. Park, of Mayville, Michigan; Mrs. Clara B. Mitcheltree, whose husband is a jobber and carpenter at Flint, and Florence M., who is living with her mother.

The subject's paternal grandfather, John Taylor, was born in England and came to the United States when young. Here, his time was divided between music, farming and politics. He married after coming to this country and became the father of six children, namely: Almira, Adeline, George, Henry J., Myron and James A. The maternal grandparents of the subject were Harmon C. and Rebecca (Woodberry) Sweet, both of whom are deceased. Harmon C. Sweet came from a family of fourteen children, the parental home being in Ashtabula, Ohio. The origin of the family dated back to the early English settlers. Rebecca Woodberry was a native of Ohio, but spent the greater part of her life in Genesee county. To Harmon

and Rebecca Sweet were born seven children, namely: Alva C., Elvira, Cora A., Emma, Laura, Emeline and Angeline, twins.

Charles E. Taylor was educated in the district schools of Thetford township and in the Clio high school. His first occupation was that of teaching school, in which he was engaged for several years. In 1899 he entered the employ of Charles H. May & Company, bankers, at Clio, with whom he has been associated continuously since, though the business is now conducted under the name of the Clio State Bank, of which he is cashier. Mr. Taylor has always taken a live interest in the welfare of the community, though he has assumed an independent attitude in politics. He has served as village treasurer for three years and is at present a member of the village council. He is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and of the Royal Arcanum, filling chairs in both orders.

Mr. Taylor was married to Esther Ella Brown, who was born in Thetford township, Genesee county, February 22, 1873, the daughter of Charles and Georgia (Woodman) Brown. Her parents originally came from Niagara Falls, New York, and here followed the occupation of general farming. They are both now deceased, the father having died in 1904.

EDWIN B. LINABURY.

Edwin B. Linabury, secretary of the Board of Commerce at Flint, is a native son of Michigan, born in the city of Pontiac, April 20, 1875, son of Henry M. and Louisa (Going) Linabury, both born in that same city and the former of whom is still living there.

Henry M. Linabury is the eldest of the five children born to Henry C. and Frances (Mattison) Linabury, who were early residents of Pontiac, the other children of that family having been Albert, Carrie, Myra and Lena. Henry C. Linabury was one of the early merchants in Pontiac and also was for some years a commercial traveler. He lived to be well advanced in years, as did his wife. Henry M. Linabury was reared to commercial pursuits and for many years was the proprietor of a drug store at Pontiac, later becoming identified with the vehicle industry. His wife died in 1908, she then being sixty-three years of age, and he is still living at Pontiac. He is a member of the Methodist church, as was his wife. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Benjamin, who died when seven

years of age: John E., of Bristol, Connecticut, and Carrie L., who is at home with her father. The mother of these children was the daughter and only child of Benjamin and Matilda (Carter) Going, natives of Massachusetts and early settlers in Pontiac, where for years Benjamin Going was engaged in the hardware business and where he died, when past sixty years of age. His widow survived him many years, she being above ninety years of age at the time of her death. Benjamin Going had been previously married and by his first marriage had a daughter, Helen.

Following his graduation from the Pontiac high school in 1894, Edwin B. Linabury became identified with the vehicle business controlled by his father and for ten years acted as purchasing agent for that concern. He then went with another concern in that city and was connected with it, in the capacity of purchasing agent, until 1909, when he went to Rockford, Illinois, and was for some time purchasing agent for a concern there. He then returned to Pontiac and there was engaged in the cost and purchasing department of the Oakland Motor Car Company until January 1, 1912, when he entered upon the office of secretary of the Board of Commerce in his home town and was thus engaged until August 21, 1915. In the meantime his work in that capacity had attracted wide attention and on the date last mentioned he went to New York City to accept a position in the commercial organization department of the American City Bureau, but did not remain there long, for he presently was called back to Michigan and on February 14, 1916, entered upon his present duties as secretary of the Board of Commerce at Flint, at the same time moving to that city, where he now resides.

On April 19, 1899, Edwin D. Linabury was united in marriage to Eva M. Kelly, who was born at Pontiac, this state, August 29, 1875. She is the daughter of James and Mary (Wilkinson) Kelly, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of England, who had come to Michigan with their respective parents many years ago and were married in this state. James Kelly died at his home in Pontiac some years ago, and his widow is still living there. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Linabury was the fourth in order of birth, the others being James (deceased), Mary, William D., Grace and Maude (deceased). To Mr. and Mrs. Linabury two sons have been born, Albert B. and Edwin B. Mr. and Mrs. Linabury are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically, he is independent. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

MARSHALL M. FRISBIE.

Marshall M. Frisbie, one of the best-known of the younger members of the bar at Flint, who has been practicing law in that city since 1907, with offices in the Dryden building, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Genesee township, October 14, 1883, son of Nathaniel H. and Mary J. (Bragg) Frisbie, the former a native of this state and the latter of New Hampshire, who were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this sketch, the last-born, is now the only survivor; Ernest, the first-born having died in infancy, and Luna C., who married Abram L. Gay, also being now deceased.

Nathaniel H. Frisbie was born in Oakland county, this state, son of Philip and Calista (Farman) Frisbie, natives of New York state and early settlers in Oakland county, where their last days were spent. Philip Frisbie was an energetic pioneer, held various minor office, was justice of the peace for some years and served a term in the Michigan state Legislature. He died at the age of forty-nine years and his widow lived to be eighty. They were the parents of nine children, William, Atwell, Spencer, James, Marcus B., Madison, Nathaniel, George and Carrie. In his youth Nathaniel Frisbie left the home farm in Oakland county and went to New Hampshire, where he married Mary J. Bragg, daughter of Alba M. and Susan (Allen) Bragg, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New Hampshire, who for years were influential residents of the neighborhood of Alstead, in the latter state. Alba M. Bragg was a cousin of General Bragg, of Civil War fame. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, Susanne, Mary, Emily, Alma, Nellie, Marshall and Benjamin, the latter of whom died when a small boy. Alma Bragg came to Genesee county and married John Chesnut, now deputy sheriff of this county. Not long after his marriage Nathaniel H. Frisbie returned to Michigan and bought a farm in Tuscola county, where he made his home for several years, at the end of which time he came to this county, about 1881, and bought an eighty-acre farm in Genesee township, later moving to Fenton township and thence to the town of Fenton, but presently returned to his farm, where he lived until 1897, in which year he moved to Flint, where he engaged in the real estate business and where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on March 29, 1913, he then being sixty-three years and ten months of age. His widow, who was born on June 15, 1850, still survives him. She is a Baptist, as was her husband. He was a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

Marshall M. Frisbie was fourteen years of age when his parents moved

to Flint and he was graduated from the high school in that city in 1903. He then entered the University of Michigan and was graduated from the law department of that institution in 1907. On June 15 of that same year he was admitted to the bar and ever since has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Flint. Mr. Frisbie is a Republican and is serving his third term as court commissioner. He and his wife are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church and he is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, as well as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, chaplain of Friendship lodge of the latter order.

On August 11, 1909, Marshall M. Frisbie was united in marriage to Minnie E. Baldwin, who was born in Mundy township, this county, December 21, 1885, daughter of Morgan G. and Sarah P. (Ormiston) Baldwin, both natives of Michigan, the former born in this county and the latter in Wayne county, who are now making their home in Flint. They had two children, Mrs. Frisbie having had a brother, Howard, who was accidentally killed by a fall from a horse when he was eleven years old. Mrs. Frisbie's paternal grandparents, Morgan and Eunice (Dart) Baldwin, had five children, Matthew, Morgan, Eunice, Susan and a son who died in youth. Grandfather Ormiston also had five children, Samuel, John, Sarah, Mrs. Belford and Mrs. Melvina O. Simmons. To Mr. and Mrs. Frisbie three children have been born, Howard A., Luna P. and Crystal M.

FENTON REUBEN McCREERY.

Fenton R. McCreery, of Flint, Michigan, for many years, actively connected with the United States consular and diplomatic service, is a native son of Flint, his birth having occurred there on April 21, 1866. He is a son of Col. William Barker and Ada B. (Fenton) McCreery, the former of whom was born at Mt. Morris, New York, and the latter at Fenton, this county, and who for years were numbered among the prominent and influential residents of Flint, where their last days were spent. They were the parents of four children, of whom Fenton R. was the first born, the others being Adelaide Fenton, who became the wife of Jerome H. Remick, and is now living in Detroit; Katharine, the wife of Matthew Davison, Jr., of Flint, and Howard, who died in infancy.

Col. William B. McCreery, who died at his home in Flint in 1896, had been a resident of this county since he was two years old and had been a potent factor in the development of this region. He was the son of Reuben and Susan (Barker) McCreery, both natives of the state of New York, the



Wm. B. W. Carey



Frank W. Benson

former born in 1808, and the latter, a daughter of a veteran of the War of 1812, born at South Wales, near the city of Buffalo, where she grew to womanhood and where she was married. In 1838 Reuben McCreery and his family came to Michigan and settled in Genesee township, this county, thus being numbered among the earliest pioneers of this part of the state. Reuben McCreery homesteaded a farm and also started a saw-mill in the new country, being very active and influential in the development of the community in the early days. He was elected sheriff of Genesee county and then moved to Flint, where he ever afterward made his home, though continuing his saw-mill and lumbering operations. He and his wife were among the charter members of St. Paul's Episcopal church at Flint and he was one of the first vestrymen of that church, although he afterward became identified with the Presbyterian church. He and his wife were the parents of four children, William B., Charles H., George B., and Julia, who became the wife of Charles S. Draper.

As noted above, William B. McCreery was but two years old when his parents came to this county, and he grew to manhood in Flint. After completing the course in Doctor Nutting's Academy near Ann Arbor, he entered upon the study of law at Flint, where he was admitted to the bar, and was engaged in the practice of his profession when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service in the Union army in Company F, Second Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front as a sergeant of that company, gradually gaining promotion until he became colonel of the Twenty-first Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry. He was six times wounded and carried two bullets in his body the remainder of his life. At the battle of Chickamauga he was wounded and captured by the enemy and taken to Libby prison, whence he made his escape through the historic tunnel, he being the second man out. After suffering many privations, he finally rejoined his regiment and commanded the Engineer Brigade, Army of the Cumberland, until early in 1864, when he returned home and there was married to Ada B. Fenton, daughter of Col. William M. and Adelaide (Birdsall) Fenton, who had come to Michigan from New York, in 1836, and settled in the southern part of this county at a point where the town of Fenton, named in their honor, afterward grew up.

Col. William M. Fenton was for years one of the leading lawyers of the state of Michigan. In 1840 he was elected to represent this district in the state Senate and in 1848 was elected lieutenant-governor, being re-elected in 1850. He was appointed register of the land office at Flint by President Pierce and in 1856 he and his family visited Europe. In 1858 he was

elected mayor of Flint and was serving in that capacity when the Civil War broke out. He wired Governor Blair to draw on him for five thousand dollars to equip the first company of troops called into service. Early in 1861 he was made major of the Seventh Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, but before mustering he was commissioned by Governor Blair as colonel of the Eighth Michigan, with which he went to the front and which he commanded in some of the hardest-fought battles of the war. Colonel Fenton was the Democratic candidate for governor in the campaign in which Governor Crapo was elected. Upon the organization of Flint as a city he was elected chief of the fire department and effected the organization of that department. He presented to the city the lot on which the city hall now stands. He was one of the founders of the Citizens National Bank of Flint and was its president. The Fenton block, which he erected, is one of the standing monuments to his memory in Flint. Colonel Fenton died in 1871 and his funeral is said to have been the most largely attended of any funeral ever held in this part of the state. He and his wife were the parents of four children, those besides Mrs. McCreery being as follow: Henry, deceased; J. Brush Fenton, of Flint, and Sarah R., who is deceased.

Upon the completion of his military service Col. William B. McCreery returned to Flint and engaged in the general merchandise business as a member of the firm of Judd & McCreery, which occupied the corner room in the Fenton block. In 1865 he was elected mayor of the city of Flint, serving a term of two years. He later was appointed collector of internal revenue, an office which he held for several years, after which he was elected state treasurer, serving in this capacity until 1877. In the latter year he became cashier of the Citizens National Bank. For many years he was one of the active members of the state board of agriculture. In earlier days he was a lumberman in Flint, with a planing-mill near the Pere Marquette depot. He was one of the builders of the Chicago & Northeastern railroad, between Flint and Port Huron, now a part of the Grand Trunk system, and in numerous other ways took a prominent and active part in promoting the city's interests. In 1890 Colonel McCreery was appointed United States consul to Valparaiso, Chile, and was serving there in that capacity during the time of the celebrated "Baltimore affair." He remained in Chile two years, his term of service covering the period of the Chilean revolution. His death occurred at his home in Flint in 1896, at the age of sixty years. He had been a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal church for many years. Colonel McCreery was twice married. His first wife, Mrs. Ada B. (Fenton) McCreery, died on February 25, 1884, and he afterward married Genevieve

Decker, daughter of Grant Decker, who was the first mayor of Flint. Mrs. Genevieve McCreery survived her husband about three years, her death occurring in 1899.

Fenton R. McCreery was reared at Flint and upon the completion of the course in the public schools of that city entered the Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake, and afterwards entered the University of Michigan, in the class of 1888. On account of failing health, he then went to New Mexico, where he spent some time in a mining district, seventy miles from a railroad. While there he acquired a knowledge of the Spanish language, which afterwards became valuable to him in the diplomatic service.

When his father was sent as consul to Valparaiso in 1890, Fenton McCreery accompanied him and served as clerk in the consulate there, later being appointed by President Harrison as secretary of the United States legation at Santigao, Chile. Part of the time he was acting minister (*charge d' affaires*) during the Bahnceda administration, the revolution of 1891 and the difficulties with the United States growing out of the "Baltimore" affair. In 1897 he was appointed by President McKinley as secretary of the embassy at Mexico and served there for ten years, during three years of which time he was acting ambassador of the United States government. In 1907 he was appointed by President Roosevelt minister resident and consul general to the Dominican republic and was stationed at Santa Domingo when the government of the United States took over the collection of the customs of that revolution-ridden government. Upon his return to the United States he received the personal congratulations of the President for his service in that connection. In 1909 Mr. McCreery was appointed by President Taft envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Honduras and served in that capacity during a time of revolution in that republic, several revolutions occurring during his term of service, the last one of which he was instrumental in composing, for which service he received a vote of thanks from both contending parties. In 1911 Mr. McCreery resigned from the diplomatic service, after nearly twenty years of continuous work in that line, and returned to his home in Flint, where he has since given his attention chiefly to his farming interests, being the owner of a fine farm in Mt. Morris township. Upon retiring from the diplomatic service Mr. McCreery ranked third in the list and is recognized as an expert in matters affecting this nation's foreign affairs. In 1912 he was employed in an advisory capacity by the committee on foreign relations of the United States Senate, which held sessions in Washington, New Orleans, Louisiana,

El Paso, Texas, and Los Angeles, California, then investigating Mexican affairs.

In 1913 Mr. McCreery traveled in Greece, Egypt, Palestine, Turkey and the Balkan states. In addition to being a master of the Spanish language, Mr. McCreery also speaks French, the language of diplomacy. He has visited all the countries in this hemisphere and has made five trips to Europe. Since his return home Mr. McCreery has often been called to the lecture platform and his addresses on subjects relating to the Latin-American republics are considered authority on the politics and history of these countries and the relations of the United States to them. He was honorary vice-chairman-at-large of the American peace centenary committee, which was appointed to organize celebrations, in both America and England, to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the peace treaty between England and America. Mr. McCreery is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church at Flint.

GEORGE ANDREWS.

In the memorial annals of Genesee county, and particularly of the city of Flint, there are few names held in better remembrance than that of the late George Andrews, for many years one of the best known and most active building contractors in that city, who died at his home there on December 27, 1895. His widow, one of the real pioneers of Genesee county, still survives, living in the old Andrews home at No. 725 Harrison street, where she has made her home for more than sixty-five years. She arrived in Flint in 1838, the year after Michigan was admitted to statehood, having come to this state with her parents, the journey having been made by canal and lake boats to Ohio, part of the journey from Connecticut being made in a covered wagon. She has thus been a witness to the whole of the wonderful development of Flint from its village days, with the exception of a period of ten years after her father's death.

George Andrews was born in Silver Creek, New York, June 1, 1827, son of Bushnell and Electa (Montgomery) Andrews, natives of that state, and was the eldest of the three sons born to that parentage, the others being a son, who died in infancy, and Marcus Bushnell Andrews, the father, was a member of the state militia in New York, and was known by the title of Captain. The mother of the sons above mentioned died in New York and

Captain Andrews married Nancy Mason, to which second union four children were born, John, Martin, Lora and one who died in youth. At an early day in the settlement of Michigan, Captain Andrews came with his second wife and his children to this state, settling at Detroit, but presently moved to Genesee county, settling on a farm about seven miles north of Flint, where he died some years later at the age of forty-four years. On that pioneer farm George Andrews grew to manhood and then went to Flint, where he spent the rest of his life. Upon locating at Flint Mr. Andrews worked for a time as an iron finisher in a machine shop and then took up the carpenter's trade, becoming a very proficient builder, and was thus engaged the rest of his life. He married when twenty-three years of age and in the spring following built a house for himself; there he made his permanent home, and in that house his widow continues to make her home. Though reared in the Episcopal church, Mr. Andrews and his wife became members of the Congregational church at Flint, and for many years were among the leaders in that congregation, Mr. Andrews long having served as one of the deacons of the church. He took an earnest interest in music and for some time was a member of the Flint cornet band. Fraternally, he was affiliated with both the Masons and the Odd Fellows and took a warm interest in the affairs of both of these organizations. As noted above, Mr. Andrews died at his home in Flint on December 27, 1895, he then being sixty-nine years of age, and he left a widow and four daughters to mourn his passing.

On Christmas day, 1850, being the twentieth anniversary of the birth of the bride, George Andrews was united in marriage at Flint to Sarah S. Taylor, who was born in Euclid county, Ohio, December 25, 1830. She was the daughter of Hiram and Prudence Patience (Fuller) Taylor, natives of the state of Connecticut, who came to Michigan in 1838 and settled in Flint, where Hiram Taylor died that same year. His widow continued to make her home in Flint, except a few years spent in Connecticut, and spent her last days there, living to the great age of ninety years and ten months. Hiram Taylor and wife were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, Susan T., Mary E., Edward, Jonathan, Samuel, Sarah S., Nathaniel J. and Hiram Thomas. Of these children all are now deceased save Mrs. Andrews and Hiram T. Taylor. Nathaniel J. Taylor, who was an honored veteran of the Civil War, died in 1914.

To George and Sarah S. (Taylor) Andrews six children were born, one son and five daughters, as follow: Laura Electa, who died in the twelfth year of her age; Mary S., who makes her home with her mother

in Flint, and who for years has been a teacher in the public schools of her home city; she was for four years connected with the state department of public instruction in the capitol at Lansing and for four years was connected with the state auditor's office; George Bushnell, who died in infancy; Sarah Eva, who is now a teacher in the kindergarten and first grade departments of the state school for the blind at Lansing; Bertha Electa, who was graduated from the art department of Albion College and taught art for a time and for four years was house secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association at Lansing, is now living on a farm east of that city, and Georgia Ella, who is teaching in Brown Hall, state of the school for the deaf, at Flint.

ROY E. BROWNELL.

Roy E. Brownell, attorney-at-law, of Flint, this county, with offices in the Flint P. Smith building, that city, is a native son of Michigan, born on a farm in Metamora township, in the neighboring county of Lapeer, September 18, 1883. He is the son of Edmund and Lexy (Copeman) Brownell, both natives of this state and the parents of two children, the subject of this biographical review having a sister, Carrie, wife of Albert A. Gibson, of Hadley township, Lapeer county.

Edmund Brownell was born on a homestead farm in Metamora township, Lapeer county, son of Ellery and Emily (Dowd) Brownell, natives of New York state, who were among the early settlers of Lapeer county, this state. Ellery Brownell homesteaded a farm in that county and became a large farmer and stockman. He was a man of much influence in his community and represented that district in the Michigan House of Representatives in the sessions of 1867-69. Both he and his wife lived to ripe old ages and spent their last days on their homestead place. They were the parents of five children, of whom Edmund Brownell was the youngest, the others being Ellery, Enos, Emily, Ellen and one who died in early youth. Edmund Brownell was reared on the paternal farm and after his marriage began farming on his own account and became very successful, now living retired at Lapeer. He early served his township as highway commissioner, later as supervisor, and was a member of the state Legislature as a representative in the House from Lapeer county, during the sessions of 1897 and 1899. Mr. Brownell is vice-president of the First National and State Savings Bank of Lapeer. He is a Mason and a Republican and was for some

time a leader of that party in his home county. His wife died on April 6, 1915, at the age of sixty years. She was the daughter of Baldwin and Elizabeth (Smith) Copeman, natives of Canada and early settlers at Thomas, this state, where both lived to old age. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Brownell was the ninth in order of birth, the others being Wesley, Levi, Sidney, Henry, Nelson, Mrs. Roxey Deming, Mrs. Elizabeth Axford, Martha, wife of Henry Howell, and Mrs. Collins, the latter of whom died at Pontiac.

Roy E. Brownell was reared on the parental farm in Lapeer county and was graduated from the Lapeer high school in 1900. In that same year he entered the literary department of the State University at Ann Arbor and in 1906 was graduated from the law department of that institution. In April, 1907, he was admitted to the bar and engaged in practice at Fenton, this county; in March, 1913, he moved to Flint, where he opened a law office, and has ever since been practicing his profession in that city. Mr. Brownell is a Republican and has taken an active interest in political affairs ever since coming to this county. For one term he was president of the Genesee County Republican Club; was supervisor of the federal census for the sixth Michigan district in 1910, by appointment of President Taft, and was secretary of the Taft campaign committee for Michigan in 1912.

Mr. Brownell is a member of the Flint Board of Commerce and of the Country Club. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, an Odd Fellow and an Elk.

WILLIAM C. STEWART.

William C. Stewart, junior member of the law firm of Carton, Bray & Stewart, No. 407 Dryden building, Flint, was born in that city and has lived there all his life. He was born on March 10, 1876, son of Capt. Damon and Frances M. (McQuigg) Stewart, the former a native of Genesee county, born on a pioneer farm on the present site of the city of Flint, and the latter of the state of New York. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Hobart A., deceased; Mabel, a kindergarten teacher in Flint; Lucy, also of Flint; Bertha, wife of Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, of Grants Pass, Oregon, and Frances E., a teacher of domestic science in the schools of Chicago. Captain Stewart, an honored veteran of the Civil War, for

years one of the leading merchants of Flint and later a successful farmer on his fine place on the outskirts of that city, died on December 5, 1905, at the age of seventy-four years, and his widow, who still survives him, is now living in Flint, making her home at No. 517 Detroit street. In a memorial sketch relating to the late Captain Stewart, presented elsewhere in this volume, there is set out in detail a history of this pioneer family in Genesee county, to which the reader is respectfully referred in this connection for further particulars regarding the genealogy of the subject of this sketch.

Upon completing the course in the public schools at Flint, William C. Stewart entered the Michigan Agricultural College and after a three-year course there took up the study of law, pursuing the same under the preceptorship of Judge Durand, Hon. John J. Carton and Everett L. Bray, and was admitted to the bar on April 15, 1904. After his admission to practice, Mr. Stewart remained in the office with his preceptors and in 1912 was admitted to the firm, the firm name now being Carton, Bray & Stewart. Mr. Stewart is a Republican in his political faith and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Masons and the Elks, being a member of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons; of Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On August 18, 1909, William C. Stewart was united in marriage to Grace E. Temby, who was born at Lapeer, this state, daughter of Nicholas and Cora (Speas) Temby, now residents of Flint, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Robert T. Nicholas Temby was born in Cornwall, England, but has been a resident of the United States for many years. Cora (Speas) Temby was born in Syracuse, New York. He and his wife are the parents of three children, Mrs. Stewart having two brothers, Howard and Arthur Temby.

HON. JOHN F. CARTWRIGHT.

The Hon. John F. Cartwright, former representative in the Legislature from this district, an honored veteran of the Civil War, retired farmer and former grain dealer and banker at Davison, and for many years one of the most active and influential residents of that flourishing village, is a native son of Genesee county and, with the exception of a couple of years spent in Kansas back in the seventies, has lived here all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Davison township, December 19, 1846, son of Calvin and Mary C. (Fritz) Cartwright, natives of the state of New York and prom-



MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. CARTWRIGHT.

inent residents of Genesee county, who for many years exerted a wholesome influence upon the life of the community in which the active years of their lives were spent.

Calvin Cartwright was born in Genesee county, New York, February 8, 1816, and in his boyhood went to Canada, where he lived with a brother until he was twenty years old, when, in 1836, he came to Michigan and settled in Genesee county, where he spent the rest of his life. Upon coming here he located in Grand Blanc township, where he married Mary C. Fritz, who was born in Monroe county, New York, October 5, 1822. She was about ten years old when she came to this county with her parents, John P. and Melissa (Barger) Fritz, who settled on the Cheney farm in the Perry neighborhood in Grand Blanc, where they lived until late in life, when they moved to Whigville, where their last days were spent. When the Fritz family settled in Grand Blanc the land for miles about was covered with a practically unbroken forest and the nearest neighbor to the family was three miles distant. Before his marriage Calvin Cartwright had bought a tract of land in Davison township and in 1842 he established his home on that tract and proceeded to clear the same and bring it under cultivation, he and his wife becoming early recognized as among the leading settlers of that community. They were members of the Baptist church and took a prominent part in all neighborhood good works. In civic affairs Calvin Cartwright also took an active part and at one time and another held every township office, serving for eleven years as supervisor. During the Civil War period he was an enthusiastic Union man and did much locally to promote the cause of the Union. His death occurred on January 15, 1891, and his widow survived him many years, her death occurring on August 24, 1908. Four of their children grew to maturity and are still living, namely: Brayton, of Davison, this county; John F., the subject of this biographical sketch; George, who has been a resident of Idaho since 1870, and Susan M., of Davison.

John F. Cartwright was reared on the farm on which he was born in Davison township and attended the high school at Pontiac and at Flint. When he was eighteen years of age, in December, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War and served until in June, 1865, as a member of the Thirteenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of his military service he returned home and for three winters thereafter was engaged in teaching school, farming during the summers and also working at the carpenter trade. In the fall of 1872 he mar-

ried and soon thereafter moved to the village of Davison, then a mere station on the railroad. There he engaged in the mercantile business and was thus engaged for three years, at the end of which time he bought a grist-mill and saw-mill and for some time was engaged in operating the same, but after awhile sold these mills and went to Great Bend, Kansas, where he bought a quarter of a section of land and proceeded to improve the same. At the end of two years, however, he disposed of his interests in Kansas and returned to Davison, where, in 1880, he engaged in business, in association with his father, in the grain and produce line, three years later buying his father's interest in the business, which for three years he operated alone. He then admitted to partnership Edgar J. Seelye, but after awhile resumed full control of the business, which he conducted alone until 1894, in which year he admitted to partnership his brother-in-law, Ira W. Cole, which mutually agreeable partnership continued until the firm sold the elevator in 1908. That elevator, a structure more than one hundred feet in height, was erected by Mr. Cartwright before forming his partnership with Mr. Cole and for years has stood as one of the landmarks in Davison.

In 1886, while he was engaged in the grain business, Mr. Cartwright started a private bank at Davison and in 1888 incorporated the same as a stock company. In 1896 this bank was reorganized as a state bank and Mr. Cartwright was in charge of the same when the present bank building was erected. In 1909, the year following his retirement from the grain business, Mr. Cartwright withdrew from the bank and since that time has devoted the greater part of his time to the general direction of a fine farm he owns three miles north of Davison, continuing however, to make his home at Davison, where he has been established so many years. When Mr. Cartwright took possession of that farm it was in a badly run-down condition, but he has built it up and improved it until it is regarded as one of the best farms in the county. He has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done very well with his place. Though not a politician in the generally accepted meaning of the term, Mr. Cartwright has not been unmindful of a good citizen's duty to the public and has served in numerous local public capacities, including those of township clerk, treasurer and supervisor. In 1892 he was elected representative from this district to the Michigan General Assembly and served very acceptably as a member of the House in the session of 1893.

On November 28, 1872, John F. Cartwright was united in marriage to Mercy Cole, who was born on a pioneer farm one mile east of the village of Davison, July 8, 1852, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary E. (Potter)

Cole, a further history of whom is set out in a biographical sketch relating to Mrs. Cartwright's brother, Ira W. Cole, presented elsewhere in this volume. To this union one child has been born, a son, Charles Ira, born on March 23, 1877, who is living with his parents in Davison. Mr. Cartwright is a Royal Arch Mason and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that ancient order. He was made a Mason at Goodrich when twenty-one years old and when the charter of that lodge was transferred to Davison his membership accompanied it. For ten years he was master of Davison Lodge and is a member of Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, at Flint. He also is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Grange and he and Mrs. Cartwright are members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

MORRIS A. KNIGHT.

Morris A. Knight, veteran merchant of Flint, vice-president of the old established dry-goods firm of O. M. Smith & Company, and for many years one of the most energetic and conspicuous figures in the commercial life of Genesee county, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the city of Detroit, August 20, 1847, son of Alfred and Mary (Edsall) Knight, natives of New York state and early residents of Flint, where for many years the former was engaged in business and where both spent their last days.

Alfred Knight was born in Orange county, New York, son of Henry and Margaret (Clearwater) Knight, both natives of that same state, who were the parents of four children, Charles, Alfred, Morris and Elizabeth. Henry Knight died at his home in New York state and his widow later made her home with her son, Alfred Knight, at Flint, where she died at an advanced age. Alfred Knight married, in his native county, Mary Edsall, who also was born in the same county, and about the year 1838 came to Michigan, settling at Flint in 1839, where he engaged in the mercantile business, but after a year spent there, moved, in 1840, to Detroit, where he engaged in the shoe business, and was there thus engaged until 1863. In that year he returned to Flint and opened a shoe store, establishing his home on the present site of the Elks building. His death occurred in 1876, he then being sixty-four years of age. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, of which church for many years he was a member of the board of trustees, and their children were reared in that

faith. There were four of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Emma F., of Flint; Margaret E., deceased, and Mary E., of Flint.

Morris A. Knight spent his youth in Detroit, the city of his birth, receiving his education in the public schools of that city. He was about sixteen years old when his parents returned to Flint in 1863 and for several years thereafter he was employed in his father's store at Flint, after which he spent about eighteen months in mercantile business in Bay City. Returning to Flint, on January 1, 1876, he formed a partnership with O. M. Smith, in the dry-goods business, under the firm name of O. M. Smith & Company, which has continued unbroken to this day, he and Mr. Smith still being engaged in business at Flint, thus being one of the oldest established mercantile firms in this part of Michigan. From 1883 to 1915 Mr. Smith and Mr. Knight also were engaged in the dry-goods business at Bay City, in partnership with Jay Thompson, under the firm name of Jay Thompson & Company, selling their interests in that business to the widow of their former partner in 1915. In the Flint store of Smith & Company over sixty people are employed.

On April 24, 1877, at Flint, Morris A. Knight was united in marriage to Harriett Henderson, who was born in that city on January 23, 1849, daughter of James and Mercy (Hill) Henderson, pioneers of Flint, who were the parents of ten children, Horace, Clarence, Harriett, Chester, Albert, Alice, James, Henry, Lester and Helen. For many years the elder James Henderson was one of the leading dry-goods merchants of Flint. He erected the building now occupied by O. M. Smith & Company and was there engaged in business until his death, which occurred in 1865.

To Mr. and Mrs. Knight three children have been born, Alfred H., Louise H. and Alice W. Alfred H. Knight was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1900, and from Cornell University in 1901. He married Emma McShea, October 7, 1903, and has three children, Alfred H., Elizabeth and Harriet. Louise H. Knight, who was educated in the Flint schools, the Lewis Institute at Chicago and Rye Seminary, New York, married Byron R. Winborn, June 9, 1909, and has three children, Byron R., James H. and Morris K. Alice W. Knight, who was educated in the Flint schools and Rye Seminary, New York, is at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Knight are Presbyterians and Mr. Knight is a member of the session of the church with which he is affiliated. He is a Republican and for one term served as a member of the Flint city school board.

WILLIAM HENRY McCLOUD.

William Henry McCloud, traffic manager for the Buick Motor Company of Flint, is a native son of Michigan, born in the city of Detroit, February 13, 1876, son and only child of Daniel and Jerusha (Colwell) McCloud, natives of Canada, who settled in Detroit many years ago and are still living there.

Daniel McCloud was born in Belleville, Ontario, in 1844 and was reared as a maltster, which vocation he followed after moving to Detroit and for many years thereafter, or until his retirement from business some years ago. His mother lived to be more than one hundred years of age. Mrs. McCloud was born in 1856. Her father, who was a farmer in Canada, was drowned in the Kincardine when in middle age. Mr. and Mrs. McCloud are members of the Presbyterian church.

Upon his graduation from the high school in Detroit, William H. McCloud entered the Detroit Business University and after his graduation from that institution went to work as a clerk in the freight department of the Wabash Railway Company at Detroit, being connected with that department for ten years. At the end of that period he went West and worked for different railway companies in various capacities, with a view to becoming thoroughly familiar with the details of the great problems of transportation, and was thus engaged until March 15, 1909, when he entered upon his present position as traffic manager of the Buick Motor Company at Flint and has ever since been thus engaged. He has charge of the transportation of the products of the great Buick plant, a plant employing more than eight thousand persons and long regarded as one of the industrial mainstays of the city of Flint. In his political affiliation Mr. McCloud is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is a Royal Arch Mason, an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias, a Knight of the Maccabees and an Elk, a member of Palestine Lodge No. 357, Free and Accepted Masons, at Detroit; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, at Flint; Olympic Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, at Detroit; Capital Lodge No. 45, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Lansing; Ingersoll Encampment No. 29, Patriarchs Militant, at Detroit; Detroit Tent No. 507, Knights of the Maccabees, and Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On October 14, 1894, at Detroit, William H. McCloud was united in marriage to Justine Kurtzrock, who was born in that city, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Kurtzrock, both now deceased, the former of whom

was a native of Germany and the latter of England and who were the parents of five children, of whom but two now survive, Mrs. McCloud having a brother, William Kurtzrock. Charles Kurtzrock was a soldier in his native country and was an expert machinist in Detroit. Mrs. McCloud was reared in Detroit and was graduated from college there. She is a member of the Episcopal church. To Mr. and Mrs. McCloud three children have been born, Elizabeth Veral, Jerusha and William Mellville. The McClouds have a very pleasant home at No. 113 West Fourth avenue, Flint.

JAMES ALBERT JONES.

James Albert Jones, until recently proprietor of the Dayton hotel at Flint and for years one of the best-known men in that city, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Flint township on October 26, 1860, son of Caleb and Adelia (Bishop) Jones, both natives of the state of New York. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Maria, who died when three years of age; Martin Egbert, of Vienna township, this county; Edwin and Ira, twins; Jeannette, deceased, who was the wife of John C. Cassidy; Laurinda, wife of J. J. Wickham, of Flint, and Ella J., deceased, who was the wife of William J. Wickham.

Caleb Jones was born in Cayuga county, New York, eldest of the three children of Ira and Lydia Jones, the other two being Lydia and William. Ira Jones and his wife were natives of England. They reared their family in New York state and in the fifties came to Michigan, settling on a farm in Mundy township, where they spent the rest of their lives, both living to old age, he being eighty-five years of age at the time of his death and she eighty. Caleb Jones was reared on a farm and also worked for some time on the Erie canal. It was about 1856 that he came to Genesee county, his first location here being on a farm in Flint township, but a few years later he moved into Vienna township, where he bought an eighty-acre farm, and there spent the remainder of his life, being sixty-seven years of age at the time of his death. His widow survived him several years, she also being sixty-seven at the time of her death. She also was born in Cayuga county, New York, and was reared there, daughter of Walker and Lorinda Bishop, both natives of New York state, who came

to Michigan in 1865 and located on "Flint Plat" in the city of Flint, where they spent the rest of their lives, he being ninety years of age at the time of his death and she eighty-five. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. Jones having had a brother, Marvin Albro Bishop, and a sister, Cloiette.

James Albert Jones was reared on the paternal farm in Vienna township and obtained his schooling in the neighboring district school. He remained at home, gradually relieving his father of the cares of the farm, and upon the death of his parents came into possession of the home place, on which he remained until his marriage in 1890. He then moved into Flint, where he was connected with the saloon business for five years, at the end of which time he went to Clio, where he engaged in the hotel business, and was thus engaged for three years or more. He then returned to Flint and bought the Dayton hotel, at No. 415 Detroit street, which he made one of the most popular hostelries in this part of the state. Mr. Jones made a success of his hotel business and gained recognition as one of Flint's substantial business men. He is the owner of some valuable property in the city. He is independent in his political views, voting for the men rather than for the party, and gives considerable attention to local political affairs.

On April 14, 1890, James Albert Jones was united in marriage to Mary Margaret Dougherty, daughter of Bernard Dougherty, to which union one child was born, a daughter, Helen, now attending school. Mrs. Mary M. Jones died on February 5, 1915, and on July 4, 1915, Mr. Jones married, secondly, Mrs. Catherine Sutphin, widow of Loren M. Sutphin. Mrs. Catherine Jones was born near the city of Tiffin, in Seneca county, Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Sophia (Pope) Powell, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Pennsylvania, of German parentage. Jacob Powell was the eldest of the five children born to his parents, John William and Mary (Shea) Powell, both natives of Ireland, who emigrated to America with their family and spent their last days in Ohio, both living to old age. Their other children were Wesley, Martha, Nancy and Ellen. Jacob Powell married Sophia Pope, who was the eldest of the six children born to her parents, William and Susan (Miller) Pope, the others being Rachel, Susan, Samuel, Frank and Edward. After residing some years in Seneca county, Ohio, they came to Michigan and settled in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, where both he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, she dying in 1898, at the age of seventy-two years, and he in 1905, at the age of eighty-one. Mrs. Powell was a member of the

Adventist church. Mrs. Jones is a member of the Congregational church at Flint.

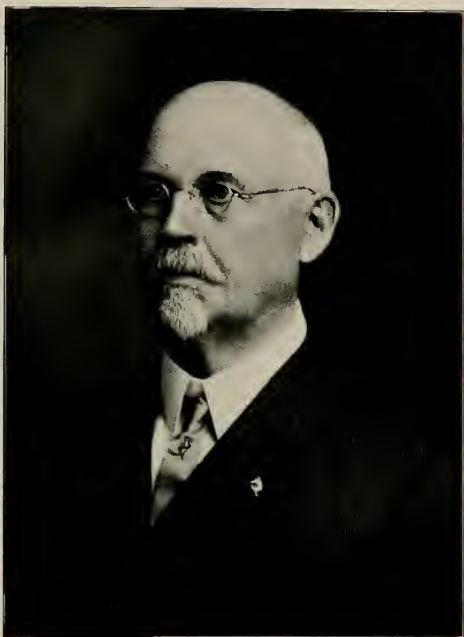
Mr. Jones is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Bay City, and is a noble of Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Saginaw. His local connection with the Masonic order is through membership in Clio Lodge No. 205, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and Flint Council, Royal and Select Masters. He also is a member of Vienna Lodge No. 191, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Flint Aerie No. 629, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

LEVANT A. VICKERY.

Levant A. Vickery was born in Darien, New York, March 25, 1842, a son of Thomas D. Vickery, who was born, November 8, 1811, on the same farm that was the birthplace of his son, the subject. The senior Vickery was reared and educated in New York, and came to Michigan in the spring of 1866. He followed the occupation of a farmer. He married Mary Howe, a native of New York, born in Oneida county, that state, January 11, 1811, and reared and educated in that state. Levant A. Vickery is one of five children of this family, two of whom are now living. Charles B. was a soldier in the Civil War and is now living at the Soldiers' Home, in Bath, New York; Levant A. is the next in order of birth. The father died in 1892; the mother in 1889. The names of the deceased children of this family are: Helen, born in 1844, married Jesse Marsh and died in 1880; Urr, born in 1847, died in 1857; Dewitt, born in 1850.

Thomas D. Vickery was a son of Jonathan Vickery, who was born on October 22, 1780, and married Phena Burr, who was born in 1787. They had five children, Olive, Thomas, Ozias, Manley and William, all deceased.

Levant A. Vickery was educated in Darien, New York, attending first the common schools and then took a course in the academy at Alexander, in that state. After completing his school studies, he engaged in teaching school during the winter months; in the summer he worked on the farm. In the spring of 1867 he came to Michigan, where he taught school for two years and worked on the farm when not engaged in teaching. In the spring of 1869 he entered the employ of Niles & Cotcher, general merchants, of



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Flushing, as bookkeeper for the firm. He continued with this firm until 1873, a period of four years, then formed a partnership with Arza N. and Harlan P. Niles in the general merchandising business. This partnership continued until 1889, when Mr. Vickery and his son purchased the entire interest of the firm and the business was continued under the firm name of L. A. Vickery & Son. In 1894 the business was sold out and Mr. Vickery having received from President Cleveland the appointment of postmaster at that time, he entered upon the discharge of the duties of that office. He was postmaster of Flushing for a period of four years. In 1898 he was elected township supervisor and held that office for one year. When the People's State Bank was organized, in 1900, Mr. Vickery was elected cashier of that institution. He held that position until January 1, 1915, when he was made president of the bank, which position he now holds.

On March 30, 1864, Mr. Vickery was married to Mary E. Jewell, who was born in Rochester, New York, March 11, 1838, and was reared and educated in that state. She was a daughter of John Chittenden Jewell, who was born in New York and who married Lucy Ann Howe.

Mr. Vickery is a Republican, a thirty-second-degree Mason, a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and of the Royal Guards. He is the father of two children, Earl J., born in 1866, married Edith Kimmel, a resident of Flushing, born in 1866, and who is now the mother of two children, Esther K. and Helen; a third child, Earl, died when about four years old. Earl J. Vickery is now a practicing attorney in Detroit, Michigan. Linus W. Vickery, born in April, 1868, was at one time a member of the L. A. Vickery firm, but died in 1889, at the age of twenty-one years.

REV. MICHAEL J. COMERFORD.

The Rev. Michael J. Comerford, pastor of St. Matthew's Catholic church, at Flint, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the city of Detroit, January 29, 1871, son of Michael and Bridget (Feigh) Comerford, natives of Ireland, the former born in County Kilkenny and the latter in Limerick, whose last days were spent in Detroit, where for years Michael Comerford was prominently connected with the lumber interests of that city.

Michael Comerford was born on a farm in Kilkenny, son of James and Elizabeth (Comerford) Comerford, both natives of that same county, who

spent all their lives there and who were the parents of nine children; of these, Michael was the first-born, the others being James, John, Patrick, Peter, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane and Margaret. Michael Comerford was but little more than a boy when he came to the United States and proceeded on into the northern part of Michigan, where he began to work in the lumber woods and was thus engaged for some years, acquiring a thorough and practical knowledge of the lumber business. He married Bridget Feigh, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Hunt) Feigh, natives of that same county, who were the parents of seven children, Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary, John, Thomas, Anna and Bridget. David Feigh and his wife spent all their lives in their native Limerick, he being eighty years of age at the time of his death; his widow survived him for many years, she being at the remarkable age of one hundred and five years at the time of her death. After some years spent in the lumber woods of northern Michigan, Michael Comerford located in Detroit, where he engaged in the lumber business on his own account and was thus engaged very successfully until his death in 1901, he then being sixty-five years of age. His widow survived him about two years, she being seventy-two years of age at the time of her death in 1903. They were earnest members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in the faith of that church. There were seven of these children, of whom Father Comerford was the last-born, the others being as follow: Thomas, of Detroit; Elizabeth, who married George Hetherington, of Detroit; John, also of Detroit; Cyran, deceased; James, deceased, and Mary, who married Adam Gibson, of Philadelphia.

Father Comerford received exceptional advantages in the way of preparation for the duties of his holy office. He was reared in Detroit, the city of his birth, and received his elementary education in St. Vincent's parochial school in that city. At the early age of thirteen years he consecrated his life to the holy priesthood and upon completing the course in the parish school entered Assumption College at Sandwich, Ontario, where he received his classical education. Afterward he entered St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore, where he completed his theological studies in 1895, graduating from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology. In September of that same year, Father Comerford was ordained to holy orders and was shortly afterward assigned as pastor of St. Mary's church at Pickney, this state, being the first priest of that parish. On October 1, 1895, Father Comerford was given charge of the church at Pickney and he remained there for sixteen years, or until October 1, 1911, when he was placed in charge of the newly erected parish of St. Matthew's, at Flint, where he ever since

has been located. Father Comerford has done a notable work in his connection with St. Matthew's church and his parish has grown until it now numbers three hundred and twelve families. Not long after taking charge there, he bought ground from the Loyal Guard, a property originally known as the McIntyre, the Martin and the Pegge estates, and in 1913 began the erection of a school building, to serve not only as a school, but as a temporary place of worship, expending about one hundred and twenty thousand dollars upon the same. Plans are now well under way for the erection of a fine church edifice, the same to cost an additional one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. The parish school enrolls two hundred and four pupils at present and is yearly growing. Since the month of October, 1914, Father Comerford has been aided in the labors of his growing parish by the Rev. Father Francis F. Van Antwerp, assistant priest, who also was born in the city of Detroit, and the affairs of St. Matthew's parish are reported to be in a flourishing condition.

HARRY W. WATSON.

No history of the commercial life of the city of Flint would be complete without fitting mention of the part played in the business activities of that city for years by the late Harry W. Watson, who built up from a small beginning one of the greatest wholesale cigar establishments in the state of Michigan, a business which is still being carried on by his son, Eugene H. Watson, president of the Harry W. Watson Company.

Harry W. Watson was a native of Illinois, born at Pittsfield, November 22, 1864, the only child of Henry and Phoebe (Campbell) Watson, the former of whom, a merchant of Pittsfield, died at that place when his son was but a small child. His widow later married Ferris Hyatt, who lived at Flint, Michigan, and to that second union five children were born, Marion, Clark, Anna, Jane and Ferris. Harry W. Watson was about six years old when his mother moved to Flint and he grew to manhood in that city and there spent the rest of his life. He received his education in the public schools of Flint and in a military and business college in the East and for two years after completing his college course was engaged as a commercial traveler. He then went into business for himself, in the wholesale cigar line, and from the very beginning of his business career was successful, gradually building up a large business, which he presently incorporated, with a capital of one

hundred thousand dollars, under the name of the Harry W. Watson Company. He remained at the head of that enterprising and flourishing concern until his death, which occurred on April 7, 1913, he then being forty-eight years of age. In addition to his extensive commercial interests, Mr. Watson was a member of the board of directors of the Commercial and Citizens Savings Bank of Flint. He was a Democrat and, fraternally, was affiliated with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in the latter of which organizations he took a particularly warm interest, having been the first exalted ruler of Flint Lodge No. 222 of that order. He was a thirty-second-degree Mason, as is his son, Eugene, who is now the directing head of the extensive business he built up at Flint.

On November 26, 1884, Harry W. Watson was united in marriage to Agnes Parsell, who was born at Flushing, this county, November 20, 1865, daughter of Eugene and Roxanna (Brockway) Parsell, the former of whom was born at Clarence, New York, and the latter at Mackadavia, Maine. Eugene Parsell, who was for many years one of the best-known and most influential citizens of Genesee county, was but a lad when his parents, Robert Parsell and wife, came from New York state to this county and located at Flushing in the early days of the settlement of that village, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of seven children, Jennie, Laura, Mary, Ernest, Eugene, Robert and Puella. Eugene Parsell grew to manhood at Flushing and there married Roxanna Brockway, whose parents, also were early settlers in that neighborhood. In his early manhood Eugene Parsell drove the local stage out of Flushing and carried the mails. In 1872 he moved to Flint and there engaged in the drug business in partnership with Charles Mason. He later was elected sheriff of Genesee county and was re-elected, serving for two terms, and was afterward appointed warden of the state reformatory at Ionia, in which capacity he served for several years. He later was appointed postoffice inspector for this district and in that capacity served the government for many years. His wife died on September 18, 1907, and he is still living at Flint, now in the eightieth year of his age. He and his wife were the parents of three children, of whom Mrs. Watson was the second in order of birth, the others being Charles and J. H. Parsell.

To Harry W. and Agnes (Parsell) Watson were born three children, Eugene Henry, Lucile and Pauline, all of whom, with their widowed mother, continue to make their homes in Flint. Eugene H. Watson, who succeeded his father in the wholesale cigar business at Flint, being the president of the

Harry W. Watson Company, a business which he is carrying on very successfully, married Loretta Kingsley and has two children, William Kingsley and Jean Campbell. Lucile Watson, who is a graduate of the Flint high school and of the Harcourt Place school at Gambier, Ohio, is the wife of Lloyd Slayton Kenworthy, of Flint. Pauline Watson, also a graduate of the Flint high school, took a course at Briar Cliff school, on the Hudson, near Ossining. She is now Mrs. Courtney Johnson, of Flint.

WILLIAM THOMAS WALKER.

William Thomas Walker, vice-president and general manager of the Walker-Weiss Axle Company at Flint, is a native of Ohio, born in the city of Toledo, that state, October 26, 1881. He is a son of William and Rose (Jennings) Walker, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in the city of Adrian, this state. They were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being Jennie, wife of W. C. Stevenson, of Columbus, Ohio, and Albert, deceased.

William Walker was born in County Cork, Ireland, and was but a boy when he came to the United States, locating at Ogdensburg, New York, where he was living when the Mexican War broke out. He enlisted for service in that war and upon the completion of his military service, located at Toledo, Ohio, where he engaged in the grain business and where he spent the remainder of his life. He not only was a prominent business man of that city, but was prominent in the city's civic affairs and for some years served as auditor of the city of Toledo. He died at his home there in 1892, at the age of about sixty-five years. He was a member of the Baptist church, as is his widow, who is still living in Toledo.

W. Thomas Walker was reared in the city of Toledo, his birthplace, and was graduated from the high school in that city in 1900. He then entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and was graduated from that institution in 1904, after which he began working in the works of the Olds Motor Company at Detroit. He was thus engaged for seven or eight months, at the end of which time he became a consulting engineer in Detroit and while thus employed returned to Toledo, where he presently resumed the manufacturing line. Later he went to Canton, Ohio, where he was thus engaged for a couple of years, or until 1908, in which year he took service with the Weston-Mott Company at Flint and was presently made assistant

general manager and manager of the sales department of that company, remaining with that concern for five years. In 1912 Mr. Walker was made vice-president and general manager of the Walker-Weiss Axel Company, a concern organized at Flint, with a capital stock of three hundred thousand dollars, for the manufacture of automobile axles. This company, which employs five hundred persons and operates a manufacturing plant with a capacity of forty-five thousand sets of automobile axles annually, is officered as follows: President, C. H. Bonbright; vice-president, W. Thomas Walker; secretary and treasurer, F. J. Weiss, and assistant secretary and treasurer, H. E. Schweitzer.

On October 24, 1906, W. Thomas Walker was united in marriage to Maud Gale, who was born at Morrice, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, daughter of Charles W. and Florence M. (McKee) Gale, both of whom were born in that same county, the former a son of Isaac Gale and wife, natives of the state of New York and early settlers in Shiawassee county, and the latter a daughter of Robert and Arminia McKee, he a native of Michigan and she of Ohio. Charles W. Gale and wife were the parents of two children, Mrs. Walker having a brother, Robert Isaac Gale. Mrs. Walker is a member of the Episcopal church at Flint. Mr. Walker is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Masons and the Elks, a member of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Country Club at Flint and the Fellowship Club at Detroit.

FRANK H. HASKELL.

It is not everybody who can make a success in the real estate business, as many special qualifications are necessary, such as tact, energy, a knowledge of values, the ability to readily grasp a situation, forcefulness, courtesy and honesty. Frank H. Haskell, of the Haskell Realty Company of Flint, is one of Genesee county's citizens who seems to possess these characteristics. He was born in Ingham county, Michigan, fifteen miles from Lansing, on March 18, 1872, and is a son of Henry and Julia (Gould) Haskell, also natives of Ingham county, where they grew up, were married and devoted their active lives to agricultural pursuits. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War, the father enlisted in the Eleventh Michigan Volunteer Infantry, in which he served faithfully as a private

for three years. After being honorably discharged at the close of his term of enlistment, he returned home and took up farming on the eighty acres that he had purchased before the war, which he cleared and improved, but finally sold it and moved to Genesee county, living retired for many years in the village of Goodrich. He now makes his home in Hartland, Michigan. His wife died in Goodrich in 1896, at the age of forty-seven years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Hartland Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he served as justice of the peace for several years. To Henry Haskell and wife two children were born, John, who resides in Sandford, this state, and Frank H., of this sketch.

The paternal grandparents of these children were Henry and Clara Haskell, natives of New York and pioneers in Ingham county, Michigan, where he died, but her death occurred in Livingston county. They had six children, namely: Alfred, Daniel D., Henry, George, Anna and Addie. The maternal grandparents, Luke Gould and wife, were natives of New York state, devoted their lives to farming, and were pioneers of Ingham county, Michigan. They died when past middle life. Six children were born to them, named as follow: Madison D., Alfred, Charlotte, Julia, Ella and Carrie.

Frank H. Haskell was eleven years old when his parents removed from the farm to the village of Goodrich, and there he grew to manhood and attended school, including the high school. Afterward he began clerking in a hardware store with Milton Hill, in that town, remaining with him one and one-half years, then worked for J. D. Cheney as clerk in his grocery store, also in the postoffice for one year; later worked for S. B. Pixley, general merchant, for three years. He then embarked in the furniture business for himself, also did undertaking. After continuing these lines in Goodrich three years, he came to Flint in 1898 and bought a grocery store at First avenue and Smith street, which he conducted two and one-half years, then bought the Flanders store on North Saginaw street. He has owned twelve different grocery stores in Flint. He finally spent three years on the road as a commercial salesman, and in June, 1915, in partnership with L. A. Rogers, he embarked in the real estate business, which he has since followed with his usual industry and success.

Mr. Haskell was married in January, 1891, to Lura B. Caswell, a daughter of Orlando and Caroline (Brosius) Caswell, of Goodrich. Her death occurred in 1897 at the age of thirty-three years, leaving two chil-

dren, Leon and Beulah. The former married Clara Smith and is now traveling for the Lakeside Biscuit Company. The daughter is ledger clerk and assistant accountant in the Pere Marquette freight office. She was graduated from the Flint high school in 1914, after which she taught in the public schools six or eight years.

Mrs. Laura B. Haskell was born in Goodrich and she and Mr. Haskell were schoolmates. Her parents were natives of the state of New York, whence they came to Genesee county, Michigan, in an early day and here spent the rest of their lives. Three children were born to them, Hattie, Lura and Mary.

Mr. Haskell was married to his second wife, Eva Johnson, on March 30, 1904. She is a daughter of Jacob and Alice (Ramsdell) Johnson. To this last union one son has been born, Frank H. Haskell, Jr. Mrs. Haskell was born in Genesee county, Michigan. Her father came from Pennsylvania, her mother from Ohio, and both are now deceased. They were parents of seven children, namely: Helen, Calvin, Laura, Levant, Eva, Mary and Grant. Politically, Mr. Haskell is a Democrat. He and his wife attend the Christian Science church.

FRANKLIN H. PIERCE.

In the list of Flint's successful and useful citizens, the late Franklin H. Pierce long occupied a prominent place, and it is with a peculiar sense of fitness that a summary of his life and character is given a permanent place in the record of his home city and county.

Franklin H. Pierce was born in Bethlehem, Grafton county, New Hampshire, on October 24, 1841, of sterling old Yankee stock, and the sound qualities of character which distinguished him in his mature business career were but typical of the staunch New England blood which he inherited. His father was John Pierce, also a native of New Hampshire, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven years. He was the father of six children, namely: Franklin H., John, Mrs. Mary Sinclair, Mrs. Eliza Woodward, Mrs. Sarah Sawyer and Edward.

After completing his common school education, Franklin H. Pierce, at the age of nineteen years, came to Coldwater, Michigan, where, for two years, he was in the employ of Wood & Barbour. In 1865 he came to Flint and engaged in the clothing business, in partnership with his brother,



F. M. Pierce

Edward O., under the firm name of F. H. & E. O. Pierce. They were successful in this enterprise and through the years this firm was continually numbered among the sound and substantial mercantile firms of Flint. The only serious setback experienced by this firm during all these years was the destruction of the store by fire about three years after its opening. The store and stock were increased from time to time to meet the increase in demands of their business, until now the house is numbered among the leading commercial institutions of Flint. About 1897, desiring to retire from active business life, Mr. Pierce sold his interest in the business to his brother, the firm being now known as E. O. Pierce & Son.

During all the years in which Mr. Pierce was actively occupied in advancing his business interests, he maintained a good citizen's interest in the general welfare of his city and took an active part in efforts for its advancement. For some years during his early residence here he served as alderman, in which position he rendered efficient service to his city. He also served on the board of public works, where his sound judgment and keen business ability were put to the best use. He was one of the originators of the present splendid waterworks system, but which in his day was criticized as being a useless expenditure of money. In many other ways his keen foresight was exhibited in his direction of public affairs and he was recognized as a man of unusual astuteness and sagacity.

Politically, Mr. Pierce was a Republican, but he entertained no ambition for public office, his chief interest lying along commercial lines. His fraternal relations were with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Loyal Guards. He was an earnest member of St. Paul's Episcopal church, of which he was senior warden at the time of his death.

On November 29, 1870, Franklin H. Pierce was married to Mary E. Lamond, a native of Flint and the daughter of Robert D. Lamond and wife, who became early settlers of Flint. They had three children, Mary, Robert and Jennie. To Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were born three children, Sarah, who died at the age of nine years; John L., who is represented elsewhere in this work, and Frances, the wife of H. H. Hills, of Detroit. Franklin H. Pierce died on June 24, 1901, after an illness of several months.

Diligence, perseverance and honesty were characteristic qualities of Mr. Pierce. Although his life was a busy one, his every-day affairs making heavy demands upon his time, he never shrank from his duties as a citizen and his obligations to his church, his neighbors and his friends. He

was benevolent, kind-hearted and thoughtful for those less fortunate than himself, never failing to grant succor where it was known to be rightfully needed. He was well read and a man of noble attainments. Although a quiet and unassuming man, with no ambition for public position or leadership, he contributed much to the material, civic and moral advancement of his community, while his admirable qualities of head and heart and the upright course of his daily life won for him the esteem and confidence of the circles in which he moved.

NOAH BATES, M. D.

Genesee county has reason to take pride in the personnel of her corps of medical men from the pioneer days in her history to the present time, and on the roll of honored names that indicates the services of worthy and esteemed citizens in this field of endeavor there is gratification in reverting to that of Dr. Noah Bates, of the city of Flint, for many years a successful and widely known physician and surgeon.

Noah Bates was born in Bealton, Norfolk county, Ontario, Canada, February 25, 1838. He is a son of Joseph and Phila (Rogers) Bates, natives of New Jersey and New York, respectively, who immigrated to Ontario in an early day, settling in the wilderness. There they cleared and developed a farm, on which they spent the rest of their lives, the death of the father occurring in June, 1865, at the age of sixty-six years, his birth having occurred November 26, 1805; the mother died February 4, 1892, in her eighty-seventh year. They were members of the Baptist church. Thirteen children were born to them, namely: William, who died young; James was next in order of birth; David and Orrin both died in early life; William, Edward, Peter, Joseph, Noah, Mary, Hiram, Charles and Eliza Ellen. The last named married William Smith. The grandparents of these children, Joseph and Margaret Bates, were natives of England, from which country they came to America, first locating in New Jersey, later removing to Ancaster, Canada, locating near Hamilton, Ontario, where they both died. Their family consisted of two sons and four daughters, of whom the following are remembered: James, Joseph, Patty and Margaret. The grandfather, Joseph Bates, was known as the "Sleeping Preacher." It was said of him that he was "called" of God to preach the gospel, but refused to obey the summons, and that while he could control himself during his waking hours and refrain from

preaching, he was compelled to preach while asleep. Often people congregated after he had gone to bed to hear him preach, and pronounced his sermons wonderful. Among those who had heard him was a Mr. Sutton, who finally located in Flint, Michigan, who often testified to the fact that he had heard Mr. Bates preach in his sleep.

Noah and Sarah Rogers, the Doctor's maternal grandparents, lived near Binghamton, New York, where they died. Their family consisted of the following children: Orrin, Nancy, Phila and Emeline.

Dr. Noah Bates was reared on his father's farm, near what is now known as Bealton village. He attended the district schools and when fourteen years old entered the grammar school at Simcoe, the county seat of Norfolk county, where he spent three years, then entered Toronto University, where he studied over one year. After leaving the university, he taught school seven years, then came to the United States in 1864 and entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, graduating in March, 1866. He began the practice of his profession in Linden, Genesee county, soon thereafter, but, after spending two years at Linden, moved to Grand Blanc where he practiced three years. He moved to Flint in 1871 and has practiced here ever since, a period of forty-five years, during which his name has become a household word throughout the county where he has spent a half century. He has been very successful as a general practitioner and surgeon and has always enjoyed a large practice.

Dr. Bates was married on December 7, 1859, to Elvira Chapin, a daughter of Lyman and Matilda (Fairchilds) Chapin. She was born in Brant county, Ontario, February 17, 1841, where her parents resided many years on a farm. Mr. Chapin engaged in farming, also ran a saw-mill, and was a skilled mechanic. He came to Lapeer county, Michigan, where his death occurred in 1876 at the age of sixty-four years. Mrs. Chapin died in Ontario in 1875 at the age of fifty-nine years. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Mary, Charles, Melissa, Elvira, Sarah, Milton, Festus and Smith. Elam and Mary Chapin, paternal grandparents of Mrs. Bates, were natives of New England and were the parents of three children, Lyman, Charles and Mary. Elam Chapin married a second time and five children were born to his last union, Lewis, Norman, Sallie, Harriet and Tryphena. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Bates were Isaac and Lucy (Kilburn) Fairchilds, who lived many years on a farm at Oakland, Ontario. Isaac Fairchilds was a great hunter, a man of powerful physique, and was popular among the Indians. He had the following children: Timothy, Asahel, Samuel, Frank, Matilda, Polly, Millie and several who died in infancy.

Three children were born to Doctor Bates and wife, namely: Frances Laura, who was graduated from the Flint high school, after which she taught for several years, lives at home; Nellie Matilda, who married J. D. Dorb, of Flint, died, leaving two children, Ralph and Dorothy; Alma Phila is the wife of Joseph A. Evans, and they have one son, Dallas Chapin Evans.

In 1909 Doctor and Mrs. Bates celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and they have now lived together nearly fifty-seven years.

Politically, Doctor Bates is a Republican. He served as coroner for six years, also health officer for several years, and was county and city physician for a period of seventeen years. He belongs to the Genesee County Medical Society, of which he was president for four years, and is still one of the directors of the same; also belongs to the State Medical Association. Fraternally, he is a member of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is serving his thirty-sixth year as secretary, and to Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

DR. ELDEN RAY SLUYTER.

Dr. Elden Ray Sluyter, a well-known young osteopathic physician at Flint, with offices in the Paterson block, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the village of Fenton in 1893, son of Edgar and Winifred (Woodin) Sluyter, both natives of this county, who are now living at Flint.

Edgar Sluyter is the younger of the two sons born to his parents, pioneers of Genesee county, who became settlers here back in the days when the Indians still roamed the forests hereabout, the elder son being Walter Sluyter. Grandfather Sluyter pre-empted a farm from the government on the banks of Long Lake and there he established his home, he and his wife, both of whom lived to old age, spending the rest of their lives there. Edgar Sluyter was reared on the homestead farm and in turn became a farmer on his own account, the owner, in partnership with his brother, Walter, of a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-one acres in Fenton township. He married Winifred Woodin, who also was born in this county, her parents having been pioneer residents of the Swartz Creek neighborhood and the parents of seven children, Etta, Emma, Winifred, William, Edward, George and Burnside. After his marriage Mr. Sluyter

continued to make his home on the farm until 1900, in which year he sold the place and moved to Flint, where he has since made his home, with residence at No. 610 Clifford street. Mr. Sluyter is a member of the firm of Smith, Bridgman & Company, general merchants of Flint, and is one of the best-known business men in the city. He and his wife are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church. They have two sons, both osteopathic physicians, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Dr. Edward Glenn Sluyter, of Alma, this state.

Elden Ray Sluyter was about eight years of age when his parents moved from the farm to Flint and he grew to manhood in that city. Following his graduation from the Flint high school in 1911 he clerked in a store for a year and then went to Kirksville, Missouri, where he entered the American School of Osteopathy, from which he was graduated in June, 1915. Thus admirably equipped for the practice of his profession, Doctor Sluyter returned to Flint and opened offices in the Paterson building, where he ever since has been located. Doctor Sluyter has a wide acquaintance throughout the city and county and is building up a lucrative practice. He is a member of the Methodist church and a Mason, a member of Genesee Lodge No. 174, in the affairs of which he takes a warm interest. The Doctor takes a proper interest in the general social and cultural activities of his home town and all movements having as their object the promotion of the best interests of the community find in him an earnest supporter.

ARTHUR E. RAAB.

Arthur E. Raab, former city treasurer of the Hetchler-Raab Company, real estate and insurance, No. 120 West Kearsley street, Flint, is one of Flint's native sons and has lived in that city all his life. He was born on May 23, 1884, son of George and Harriet (Tomlinson) Raab, the former a native of Germany and the latter of this state, who are still living in Flint and to whom six children were born, namely: M. Bertha, who married Edward C. Spalding and died in December, 1914; Myrtis A., of Los Angeles, California; Alice C., at home; Rev. Irving T., a Presbyterian minister at Benton Harbor; Ethel E., a teacher at Caro, and Arthur E.

George Raab is the son of Eberhard Raab and wife, who came to the United States from Prussia in 1856 and settled in Flint, this county, establishing their home in that portion of the city now comprised in the fourth

ward, but which then contained but two houses. There they spent the rest of their lives, the mother dying at the age of fifty and the father living to the age of seventy-four. They had two sons, George Jacob and Jacob George. George Raab was nine years old when he came to this country with his parents and he grew up at Flint, becoming a proficient cabinet-maker. In 1863, at the age of sixteen, he enlisted as a private in Company F, Fourth Michigan Cavalry, and served with that command until mustered out at the end of the war in 1865. He was one of the detail commissioned to capture Jefferson Davis and still has in his possession a small hand-mirror taken when the vanquished president of the Confederacy was captured. Upon the completion of his military service George Raab returned to Flint and resumed work at his trade. Presently he went to Holly, where he worked for some time, but afterward returned to Flint, where he began clerking in a furniture store, later engaging in the grocery business and then became the local agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. For twenty-five years Mr. Raab has served as a member of the board of county supervisors from the fourth ward, city of Flint, and it was he who introduced the resolution for the erection of the present Genesee county court house. He is an Odd Fellow and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church. Mrs. Raab is a daughter of Ernest Tomlinson and wife, both now deceased, who were the parents of eight children, William, John, Warren, Mariette, Myrtis, Orpha, Frank and Harriet. Ernest Tomlinson came to this country from England, married in the East and then came to Michigan, settling near Fulton in pioneer days. He was a well-to-do farmer and was the founder of the town of Sherwood. He died at the age of seventy-five, after which his widow moved to California, where she lived to the age of eighty-five years.

Arthur E. Raab was graduated from the Flint high school in 1902 and then taught school for one term. In 1903 he entered Albion College and in 1905 the University of Michigan, taking the literary course, after which he entered the employ of the old Flint Wagon Works. After a year of employment there he went with the Buick Motor Company, with which concern he was employed until the time of his election to the office of city treasurer, five years later. He served two terms in that office and upon the completion of his public service was made secretary-treasurer of the Manufacturers Fireworks Company. In January, 1916, Mr. Raab formed a partnership with Clarence O. Hetchler in the insurance and general real estate business and is now thus engaged, with offices at No. 120 West Kearsley street. Mr. Raab is a Republican and has long given close attention to local political affairs, being one of the active workers of his party hereabout.

On October 27, 1909, Arthur E. Raab was united in marriage to Laura D. Spaulding, who was born on July 5, 1885, daughter of Edward C. and Frances (Freeman) Spaulding, both natives of this state, to whom two daughters were born, Mrs. Raab having a sister, Florence. Edward C. Spaulding is a son of Dr. David Cox Spaulding, who served as regimental surgeon of the Tenth Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War, with the rank of major. Doctor Spaulding was for years one of the leading citizens of Lyons, in Ionia county, this state. He married Martha A. Ingersoll, of Marshall, this state, and to that union were born two children, Elizabeth, who died in childhood, and Edward, who is still living. Mrs. Raab's maternal grandfather, William Freeman, also was a native of Michigan, as was his wife, and the two were long prominent residents of Ionia county, where they died when well along in years. Mr. and Mrs. Raab are members of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Raab being a member of the session and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a past master of Flint Lodge No. 23, a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Flint Council No. 56, Royal and Select Masters, and a Knight Templar, member of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15.

THOMAS W. SMITHSON.

Journalism is a field in which many enter, but few remain, partly because to succeed in it one must be energetic and persistent and at the same time be possessed of a peculiar natural ability. One of the successful newspaper men of Genesee county is Thomas W. Smithson, publisher of the *Otisville Star*. He was born in Weston, York county, Ontario, August 25, 1850, where he grew up and attended school. He learned the printer's trade in the *Times* office in Woodstock, that province. In the fall of 1880 he came to Otisville, Michigan, from London, Ontario, and started the publication of the *Weekly Telegram*. He remained here a little over a year, when he removed to Otter Lake, and in November, 1883, went to Clio, where he published the *Star* for a period of twenty-three years. Failing health, resulting from overwork, caused him to suspend the publication of that paper in January, 1907, and after three months' recuperative rest he returned to Otisville and has since managed the *Star* alone. It is one of the best papers of its type in this section of the state and has steadily grown in circulation.

Mr. Smithson was twice married. His first wife, whom he married in

London, Ontario, in 1878. died in Otisville, May 25, 1910. and on June 17, 1911, he married Mrs. Jane Metz, his present wife.

Mr. Smithson is a member of the Masonic order, the Eastern Star and the Maccabees. He is a Republican, but has never allowed his political leanings to bias him in the conduct of his newspaper. He has never aspired to office, although he held the presidency and clerkship of Clio for years and has also been village clerk in Otisville. Naturally of a retiring disposition, he has largely confined his efforts to the newspaper business, in which he has rounded out a half century and is probably the oldest printer-publisher in Genesee county, in point of service.

REV. HOWARD J. CLIFFORD.

The Rev. Howard J. Clifford, pastor of the Parkland Presbyterian church at Flint and formerly and for years one of the best-known and most influential officers of the Salvation Army in the United States, is a native of England and comes of a family long noted in the gospel ministry in that country. He was born in the County of Oxford, October 13, 1875, son of Edward and Mary Hannah (Jones) Clifford, both also natives of Oxford and who are still living there, to whom five children were born, of whom, the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: The Rev. Harry Clifford, pastor of a Baptist church at Los Angeles, California; George, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Florence, who married Frank McDiarmid and is now deceased, and Margaret, who married William Collins, of Oxford, and continues to live in the city of her birth.

Mr. Edward Clifford, now on the superannuated list, was for fifty years an active preacher of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Oxford, preaching three sermons each Sunday, with hardly an exception. He is now in his seventy-seventh year and his wife in her seventy-sixth year. The latter was the last-born of the four children which blessed the union of her parents, Joshua and Sarah (Bissell) Jones, natives of Oxfordshire, the former of whom was a retainer, or confidential steward, of the Albright family, and both of whom lived to old age, the others of their children being Henry, George and Alfred. Edward Clifford's father, David Clifford, son of William Clifford, in his young manhood was a forester on the estate of Lord Churchill. He married Edith Myles and later became an itinerant preacher



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in the Wesleyan Methodist church and continued thus engaged the rest of his life, becoming one of the most influential figures of that church in England. He and his wife both lived to ripe old ages. They were the parents of fourteen children who grew to maturity and several who died in youth, those who reached maturity being Edith, Hannah, Harriet, Emily, Margaret, Annie, Rhoda, Price, Edward, William, John, Henry, David and James. All the sons in this remarkable family became ministers of the gospel and nearly all the daughters married ministers.

The Rev. Howard J. Clifford obtained in his native land an excellent educational equipment for the difficult labors of the ministry, to which he afterward was called, taking a course of theological training for the Wesleyan Methodist ministry, afterwards coming to the United States. He began preaching in England in 1895 and in 1901 came to the United States, landing at the port of New York on the day President McKinley was shot at Buffalo. He went directly to Youngstown, Ohio, and there entered the work of the Salvation Army. After some time spent at Youngstown, he was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio, and thence to Chicago. After several other appointments, he was sent to Flint, at the close of 1907, as adjutant of the local corps of the Salvation Army at that place. During his service at Flint, in that connection, Adjutant Clifford conceived the idea of erecting the present citadel of the Salvation Army on Beach street, known as the best Salvation Army building in the United States. He also organized the famous Salvation Army band at Flint, an organization which has long had an international reputation and which is said to be the best Salvation Army band in the country. In 1912 Adjutant Clifford was promoted to the rank of divisional commander, with the whole of southern California in his jurisdiction, and moved to Los Angeles, where he established his headquarters. While there he was greatly attracted to the democratic principles embodied in the discipline and government of the Presbyterian church and identified himself with that church. In September, 1913, he was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian church by the presbytery of Logansport, synod of Indiana, and immediately thereafter was called to act as assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church at South Bend, Indiana, under the Rev. C. A. Lippincott, remaining thus engaged until he accepted the call, in October, 1915, as pastor of the newly organized Parkland Presbyterian church at Flint and has ever since been pastor of that church. In March, 1916, Mr. Clifford began the erection of a new twenty-thousand-dollar church edifice, his congregation having outgrown its original quarters. Mr. Clifford is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with the Bay City Consistory, Ancient

Accepted Scottish Rite, and is chaplain of Flint Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, at Flint.

On October 9, 1902, the Rev. Howard J. Clifford was united in marriage to Marian D. King, who was born at Watford, a suburb of the city of London, June 22, 1881, daughter of William and Mary (Birch) King, both of whom were born at Rickmansworth, a suburb of London. William King was a son of William and Elizabeth King, who were the parents of six children, Thomas, Sophia, Alfred, William, Frank and Jesse, and his wife was the fourth in order of birth of the five children born to her parents, the others being Joseph, William, Jesse and Thomas Birch. William King, father of Mrs. Clifford, died in 1913, at the age of sixty-seven years, and his widow is still living at Watford. He was a building contractor and was for years chairman of the urban council. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Clifford was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Minnie, Frank, William, Amy, Bert, Katie, James, Edith and Thomas. Mrs. Clifford finished her schooling in a private seminary at Watford and is an able and competent helpmeet in the difficult labors of her husband's ministry.

To the Rev. Howard J. and Marian D. (King) Clifford four children have been born, namely: Harry, born at Cleveland, Ohio; Conn Louis, born in Elkhart, Indiana; Louise C., born in Battle Creek, Michigan, and William George, born in Los Angeles, California, a most interesting and engaging group of youngsters.

WILLIAM A. PATERSON.

William A. Paterson, former mayor of Flint and one of the best-known manufacturers of that city, a large realty owner and for many years prominently connected with the industrial life of this section of the state, is a native of Canada, born in the town of Guelph, Ontario, October 14, 1838. He is a son of Archibald and Jane (Ingles) Paterson, natives of Scotland, the former born at Oban, county of Argyle, and the latter at Paisley, county of Renfrew.

Archibald Paterson was the son of Archibald Paterson, a resident of Oban, Scotland, who died there at an advanced age, the father of five children, James, Hugh, Angus, Archibald and Mrs. McIntyre. The junior Archibald Paterson emigrated to Canada in his young manhood and located

in the neighborhood of Guelph, Ontario, where he became a farmer. He also was a very competent carpenter and was the leading craftsman in that line in his neighborhood. He married Jane Ingles, daughter of John and Margaret (Lakey) Ingles, the former a Paisley weaver, who had emigrated with his family to Canada, also settling on a farm in the Guelph neighborhood, where he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of five children, John, James, Jane, Margaret and Anna. Archibald Paterson developed a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres and was a man of prominence in his community. He was for many years an elder in the Presbyterian church and for years served as precentor of the congregation. His wife died in 1849 and he survived for years, living to the great age of eighty-nine. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this biographical review was the third in order of birth, the others being John I., James, Margaret, who died in young womanhood; Mary, who married Charles Kay, of Toronto; Adam and Jane, the latter of whom died in her youth.

William A. Paterson was reared at Guelph, receiving his education in the schools of that city, and there he learned the carriage-ironing trade, at eighteen years of age being a proficient journeyman craftsman. He then, in 1857, came over the border into the United States and spent several years working at his trade in the New England States, going thence to Kentucky, where he was working when the Civil War broke out. Shortly afterward he went to Aurora, Illinois, where he went to work in a factory that was manufacturing ambulances for army service and was thus employed until the close of the war, after which he and his brothers, John and James, went to Kincardine, in Bruce county, Ontario, on Lake Huron, where they established a wagon factory. In 1869 Mr. Paterson left Kincardine and came to Michigan. After spending a few months at Pontiac he went to Flint, where he opened a little shop for buggy repairs. From the very first this shop prospered and he presently was compelled to rent a larger place. He then built a small factory of his own and thus the Paterson industries at Flint had their beginning. At first Mr. Paterson was able to do all the work in his shop himself, but presently had to employ a helper and then more and more assistants until, in the palmy days of the buggy business, his factory employed a force of one hundred and fifty men. In all the years since Mr. Paterson erected his first shop in Flint there has never been a year in which he has not erected some form of a building in that city, either a factory, a residence or a business block and he thus has long been recognized as one of the most potent individual factors in the development of the city of Flint.

During the time Mr. Paterson was engaged in the manufacture of buggies, W. C. Durant secured a patent on a new road cart and engaged him to manufacture a sample cart after his model. So effective did this sample prove that the next order was for one hundred carts, the next for five hundred and then the orders began to come in by the thousands, after which the Durant & Dort Company erected a factory of their own, which later was developed into the present automobile industry of that company, the little road cart manufactured in Mr. Paterson's shop thus having proved to be the nucleus around which eventually gathered Flint's present extensive automobile interests, which have done so much toward promoting the city's later growth. In 1909 Mr. Paterson engaged in the manufacture of automobiles and has since then given the greater part of his time to the development of that industry. He erected a fine five-story brick factory and about seventy-five persons are now engaged in the manufacture of the Paterson automobile, the popularity of which is being demonstrated by the fact that the orders for the same for the current year are about three times the volume of any previous year. Mr. Paterson was one of the organizers of the Union Trust and Savings Bank of Flint and is vice-president of the same. Among the many buildings he has erected in Flint and which stand as monuments to his business sagacity and enterprise may be mentioned the Paterson block, the Dryden block, the Ingles block, the Dresden hotel and numerous others, including quite a number of the handsomest residences in the city. Mr. Paterson is a Republican and in the days when he took a more active part in political affairs than he does at present was recognized as one of the leaders of that party in Genesee county. He served as mayor of Flint for a number of years and his administration was marked by many notable public improvements. He has a fine home at No. 310 East Third street, where he is very pleasantly situated in the genial "sunset time" of his long and useful life.

On December 24, 1872, William A. Paterson was united in marriage to Mary Dryden, who was born near Guelph, Ontario, daughter of Thomas and Mary Dryden, both natives of Scotland, who were prominent citizens in the Guelph neighborhood and the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Paterson was the eldest, the others being Margaret, who married J. B. Armstrong; Mrs. Rev. Torrence, of Guelph; Mrs. Wood, of the same place, and Thomas, who also still lives at Guelph. To Mr. and Mrs. Paterson five children were born, two of whom died in infancy, the others being as follow: Maude E., who married W. R. Hubbard, who is treasurer of the W. A. Paterson Company of Flint, and died leaving one daughter, Mary Paterson Hubbard;

William S., who is associated with his father in business, married Myrtle Leonard, of Beaver, Pennsylvania, and has a son, William Leonard; Madelon, who married Arthur C. Pound, of Grand Rapids, has four daughters, Mary Dryden, Maude Elizabeth, Madelon Paterson and Margaret Ingles. Mrs. Paterson died in 1900, at the age of fifty-three years. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and for years was one of the leaders in all good works hereabout.

Mr. Paterson has been an elder in the Presbyterian church for more than a quarter of a century and has ever been interested in church work. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with the Detroit consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and a noble of Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in that city. His local connection with the order is through Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons; Flint Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar. Mr. Paterson was one of the charter members of the old original Knights of Pythias lodge at Flint and is a member of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WILLIAM T. HYNES.

William T. Hynes, a well-known dealer in real estate, loans and insurance and proprietor of the National Collection Agency, with offices in the Fenton building at Flint, is a native of Canada, having been born in the city of Guelph, Ontario, June 3, 1862. He is a son of John Hynes, a native of Ireland, whose last days were spent at Gaines, this county.

John Hynes was but a lad when his parents, Michael Hynes and wife, emigrated from Ireland to Canada in 1847 and settled at Guelph. Michael Hynes was a newspaper man and remained at Guelph until 1872, in which year he came to Michigan and located on a farm near Gaines, in this county, where he spent the remainder of his life, being ninety-six years of age at the time of his death. He was twice married, his first wife dying when comparatively young, leaving two children, John and Mary. He married, secondly, a Miss Clark, to which union five children were born, Terrence, Margaret, George, James and William. John Haynes grew to manhood in Canada and became a farmer in the vicinity of Guelph, the owner of a farm of about one hundred acres, where he lived until 1871, in which year he came to this state and located at Gaines. There he bought an eighty-acre

farm, which he proceeded to improve, and as he prospered added thereto until he was the owner of two hundred and twenty acres. He spent the rest of his life there and his widow survived him some years, her death occurring in 1910, she then being seventy-three years of age. She was a daughter of Daniel Hayes, who emigrated from Ireland with two daughters, Bridget and Mary, and settled in the neighborhood of Guelph, Canada, where he spent the rest of his life, living to old age. John Hynes and his wife were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were ten of these children, namely: John P., of Duffield, this state; James, of Flint; Margaret, wife of P. H. Cooney, of Durand, this state; William T., the subject of this biographical sketch; Daniel, of Sault Ste. Marie; Edward, of Gaines; Catherine, Joseph and Mary, also of Gaines, and one who died in youth.

William T. Hynes was but a boy when his parents moved to this county and he grew up on the farm. Upon completing the course in the public schools, he went West and at Butte, Montana, took a course in a business college. Conditions there at that time appealed to him and he remained at Butte for twenty years, gradually becoming the possessor of considerable real estate and mining interests. In 1906 he disposed of his interests at Butte and returned to Genesee county, locating at Flint, where he opened a real-estate office and has ever since been quite successfully engaged there in the realty business, in addition to which he also handles loans and insurance. He also is proprietor of the widely known National Collection Agency and takes an active interest in the general business affairs of his home town. He is a Republican "to the backbone" and takes a warm interest in local political affairs, but is not included in the office-seeking class.

PATRICK EDWARD VERNON.

Patrick Edward Vernon, a well-known dealer in real estate and loans, with offices in the Fenton block, Flint, is a native of New York state, but has been a resident of this county practically all the time since he was six or seven years old, and has thus been a witness to and a participant in the wonderful development that has marked this region in the past generation. He was born near the city of Rochester, son of Patrick and Mary (O'Hare) Vernon, natives of County Down, Ireland, who later came to this county, where their last days were spent.

Patrick Vernon was the eldest of the four children born to his parents, farmers in County Down, whose last days were spent in Belfast, the others having been Bernard, John and Mary. When eighteen years of age he came to the United States and settled eighteen miles east of the city of Rochester, New York, where he eventually engaged in the contracting and building line, and was thus engaged until he came to Michigan in 1870 and located in this county. He bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Mt. Morris township, on the Saginaw road, which he partly cleared and then, about 1879, sold that place and bought another farm, a tract of forty acres, on which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1891. His widow survived him one year. She was a daughter of Michael and Catherine (O'Rourke) O'Hare, natives of Ireland, who came to America in their youth with their respective parents, both the O'Hares and the O'Rourkes settling in the vicinity of the city of Baltimore. Michael O'Hare became a farmer in the neighborhood of Baltimore and spent his life there. He and his wife were the parents of two children, Mrs. Vernon having had a brother, Peter. Mrs. O'Hare had two brothers, Daniel and James O'Rourke, slave-owners, both soldiers in the War of 1812, the latter of whom was an officer in the army. He conducted a hotel in Baltimore and operated a large tannery in that city. Patrick Vernon and his wife were earnest and devout members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, namely: Peter, an honored veteran of the Civil War, who died in 1891, was one of the first to enlist at the raising of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, New York Volunteers, for service in the Civil War, with which regiment he served for three years and was badly wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg; Catherine Etta; Alice; Elizabeth, deceased; Michael, a former real-estate dealer at Battle Creek, now deceased; Patrick E., the subject of this sketch, and Anna Gertrude.

Patrick E. Vernon was but a lad of six or seven years when his parents came to this county and he grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Mt. Morris township, receiving his schooling in the district school in that neighborhood. He early learned the trade of a mason. He was engaged as a building contractor until about 1900, when he engaged in the general real-estate business. For three years he was located at Battle Creek, after which he opened an office at Flint, where he has ever since been engaged in the same business, and where he has done very well, being one of the best-known realty men in that city. Mr. Vernon and his sisters, Catherine and Anna, live together at No. 716 North Saginaw street, where they have

a very pleasant home and where they are very comfortably situated. They also are owners of several adjacent bits of property. They are members of the Catholic church and take an earnest interest in parish affairs, as well as in local good works generally.

WILLIAM H. McKEIGHAN.

William H. McKeighan, former mayor of Flint and a prominent merchant of that city, former alderman and for years actively identified with the promotion of his home town's later phenomenal growth, is a native of Ohio, but has been a resident of Michigan since boyhood. He was born in the city of Cleveland, July 1, 1886, son of David and Mary (Corcoran) McKeighan, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Pennsylvania, who were the parents of nine children, namely: Francis, deceased; Thomas, of Fresno, California; David, of St. Charles, this state; Jennie, wife of Paul J. Mulhauser, of Cleveland, Ohio; Esther, deceased, who was the wife of Harry Dolson; John J., a druggist, of Flint; George, a druggist, of Flint; William H., the subject of this biographical sketch, and one who died in infancy.

The senior David McKeighan was the son of David McKeighan, a native of Scotland, who married a Walker and came to America, settling at Farmington, Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his life, living to a ripe old age. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring in Iowa at the great age of ninety-six years. They were the parents of five children, John, Samuel, Peter, David and Vashti. David McKeighan, second, was reared at Farmington and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted as a private in the Fifty-fifth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of his original term of service he re-enlisted in the same company and became second lieutenant of the same, serving until the close of the war. He was twice wounded; was with Sherman on the march to the sea, participated in some of the bloodiest battles of the war and took part in the Grand Review at Washington. All his brothers also were veterans of the Civil War.

Upon the completion of his military service, David McKeighan for a time followed the life of a sailor on the Great Lakes and then became a railroad man, for years in the service of the Big Four Railroad Company, with headquarters at Cleveland, where he died at the age of fifty-five years. His



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widow, who still survives, is the daughter of Thomas and Mary Corcoran, natives of Ireland, who came to America and settled in Pennsylvania, later coming to Michigan and settling on a farm in Gaines township, this county, whence, late in life they moved to Ohio, where their last days were spent, both living to ripe old ages. Thomas Corcoran and wife were the parents of five children, Michael, Thomas, Sarah, Margaret and Mary.

William H. McKeighan spent his boyhood in Cleveland, receiving his early schooling in the schools of that city, and his studies later were continued in the schools of Saginaw and of St. Charles, this state, graduating from the high school in the latter city in 1906. In the meantime he had been clerking in drug stores from boyhood and upon leaving the public school took a regulation course in pharmacy and was registered as a certified pharmacist, under the state laws, in 1907. For some time thereafter he traveled through the West and in 1909 located permanently in Flint, where he established himself in the drug business and where he is now the owner of three drug stores in partnership with his brothers, John J. and George W. McKeighan. Mr. McKeighan is a Republican and from the very beginning of his residence in Flint has taken an active interest in local politics. In 1913 he was elected alderman from the first ward and on April 5, 1915, was elected mayor of the city. In that election his home ward gave him a majority of one thousand and eighty-six votes. In 1914 he was his party's nominee for state senator from this district, but was defeated by a small majority. Mr. McKeighan's business interests are not confined wholly to his drug stores, as he also is the owner of a hardware store in Flint and is the proprietor of a moving-picture theater.

Mr. McKeighan has taken a prominent part in local lodge circles and is captain general of Subordinate Division No. 125, Loyal Guard, a new division of that order, made up of representative young men of Flint. He is a Scottish-Rite Mason, affiliated with the consistory at Bay City, and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Elf Khurafel Temple at Saginaw. His local affiliation with the Masonic order is through Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar. He also is a member of Genesee Lodge No. 74, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Flint Lodge No. 159, Loyal Order of the Moose; Aerie No. 620, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. McKeighan is married and has a very pleasant

home in Flint. On March 11, 1913, he married Clara Loll, who was born at Big Rapids, this state, and both he and his wife take a proper interest in the various social and cultural activities of their home town.

CHARLES W. DUMANOIS.

Charles W. Dumanois, well-known funeral director at Flint, of the firm of Dodds & Dumanois, is a native of the Empire state, but has lived in this county since he was eleven years old. He was born at Buffalo, New York, May 3, 1872, son of William and Julia (Brennon) Dumanois, both natives of New York state, the former born at Buffalo and the latter at Utica, who are now living on their fine farm in Davison township, this county, where they have made their home since 1883.

The parents of William Dumanois, Claude and Mary Ann (Clair) Dumanois, were born in Alsace-Lorraine and came to America, with their respective parents, on the same ship, the former being fourteen years of age at that time and the latter twelve. Their parents settled at Buffalo, New York, and there they grew up and were married, five children being born to them, of whom William was the eldest, the others being Lucien, also a resident of Davison township, this county; Theodore, of Fenton township, this county; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Steimetz, of Richfield township, and Rosa, wife of George Neubecker. In the early eighties the Dumanois family came to this state and settled in Davison township, this county, where Claude Dumanois and his wife spent the rest of their lives, both dying in 1903, he then being eighty-six years of age and she, eighty-four. William Dumanois was past thirty-five years of age when he came to Genesee county in 1883. He had grown up in Buffalo, had married there and for some years previous to coming to Michigan had been engaged in the hotel business. Upon his arrival here he purchased the Hill farm of eighty acres in Davison township, at that time regarded as a prize farm, and proceeded to further improve and develop the same. As he prospered he bought other farms, but later sold all but his original home farm, where he and his wife are still living, he at the age of seventy-one and she at the age of sixty-eight. The parents of Mrs. Dumanois, Amy Brennon and wife, the latter of whom was a Marrigould, also were Alsatians and came over to America on the same vessel that brought the Dumanois family, but they settled at Utica, New York, instead of at Buffalo, and there Amy Brennon became a successful

dairyman. His wife died at the age of forty-eight years, but he lived just twice as long, he having been ninety-six years of age at the time of his death. They were the parents of eleven children, Julia, Amy, Virginia, Rainy, Eleanor, Lucien, Charles, Eugene, Adell, Margaret and Fred, the latter of whom died when twelve years old. William Dumanois and his wife are earnest members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There are two of these children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Eugene N. Dumanois, a prosperous farmer of Davison township, this county.

Charles W. Dumanois was eleven years old when he came to this county with his parents in 1883 and his schooling was completed in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and at the high school at Davison. From boyhood he took an active part in public affairs in his home community and was treasurer of Davison village for four years and alderman of the same village for two years. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-two years old, after which he moved to Flint, where he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. He thus continued for eleven years, at the end of which time he formed a partnership with Albert W. Dodds in the undertaking business, under the firm style of the Dodds-Dumanois Company, incorporated, with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, which mutually agreeable partnership still continues, the firm doing a large business, carrying one of the finest general undertaking equipments in the state. This firm also provides an ambulance service for the city of Flint and is thoroughly modern and up-to-date in the methods employed in conducting its business. Mr. Dumanois is a Democrat and gives thoughtful attention to local political affairs.

On November 24, 1904, Charles W. Dumanois was united in marriage to Blanche M. Rumer, who was born in Richfield township, this county, May 14, 1883, daughter of Dr. James F. and Clara Allen (Golden) Rumer, prominent residents of Genesee county, who have been living at Davison for nearly thirty years. Doctor Rumer was born in Ohio and his wife is a native of this county, born in Mt. Morris township, daughter of Enos and Sarah (Allen) Golden, both also natives of Genesee county, representatives of two of the earliest pioneer families in this part of the state. Enos Golden and wife were the parents of four daughters, of whom Mrs. Rumer is the youngest, the others being Mrs. Georgia Berne, of Jackson township, this county; Mrs. Elizabeth Hazelwood, of Detroit, and Frances, wife of Archie Allen, of Pasadena, California. To Doctor and Mrs. Rumer six children were born, of whom Mrs. Dumanois is the third in order of birth.

the others being Dr. Edward C. Rumer, of Flint; James F., Jr., of Oakwood, California; Margaret, who died in childhood; Jesse, of Flint, and Allan, of Davison. To Mr. and Mrs. Dumanois two children have been born, Julian and Harold C. Mr. and Mrs. Dumanois are members of St. Michael's Catholic church and take an active interest in parish affairs. Mr. Dumanois is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in the affairs of both of these organizations takes a warm interest. The Dumanois home is at No. 1215 Detroit street, where the family is very pleasantly situated.

ARTHUR JUSTUS REYNOLDS, M. D.

Dr. Arthur Justus Reynolds, former health officer for Flint and one of the best-known and most successful physicians in that city, is a native son of Michigan, and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Grand Haven on June 19, 1880, son of Dr. John N. and Florence (Keeler) Reynolds, who were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Anna Louise, wife of William J. Younghusband, living near Shelby, this state; Jessie M., who is a teacher in the Muskegon high school, and two who died in infancy.

Dr. John N. Reynolds was born in Indiana, but was but an infant when his parents, Justus Reynolds and wife, moved back from that state to their native Canada, where they spent the rest of their lives, Grandfather Reynolds having been eighty years of age at the time of his death and his wife seventy-seven when she died. The elder Doctor Reynolds received excellent educational advantages in his youth and upon completing the course in the public schools entered the old Cleveland Homeopathic College at Cleveland, Ohio, from which he was graduated in the sixties. He began his professional career at St. Clair and there married Florence Keeler, the elder of the two daughters born to her parents. Grandfather Keeler was a captain on the Great Lakes. Upon the death of his wife he moved to Valparaiso, Chile. After some years of practice at St. Clair, Dr. John N. Reynolds moved to Grand Haven, this state, where he has been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession for forty years. His first wife died in 1885 and he married, secondly, Frances P. Parks.

Dr. Arthur J. Reynolds is a graduate of the medical department

(homeopathic) of the University of Michigan, which he entered following his graduation from the Grand Haven high school in 1899. He was graduated from the university in 1903 and for a year thereafter served as interne in the hospital at Ann Arbor, where he gained much valuable practical experience in his profession. In 1904 Doctor Reynolds opened an office for the practice of his profession at Flint and has ever since been located in that city, with offices in the Paterson building. Doctor Reynolds has taken high rank in his profession and is a member of the Genesee County Medical Society, the Michigan State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. During 1905-06 he was the local health officer for the city of Flint and is now examining physician for the Michigan State Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

On November 14, 1906, Dr. Arthur J. Reynolds was united in marriage to Edna Kitchen, who was born at Marinette, Wisconsin, May 5, 1884, daughter and only child of Frank Kitchen and wife, both now deceased, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Susan Frances. Doctor and Mrs. Reynolds are members of the Episcopal church and take a warm interest in the general social and cultural activities of their home town and of the county at large. They have a very pleasant home at No. 910 East Kearsley street, a residence which Doctor Reynolds erected in 1915.

HORACE B. FREEMAN.

Horace B. Freeman, one of the best-known and most enterprising merchants of the town of Swartz Creek, this county, is a native of the state of Iowa, but has lived in Genesee county since he was a child. He was born on a farm in Holt township, Taylor county, Iowa, June 18, 1874, son of Charles and Anna (Bailey) Freeman, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Pennsylvania, who are now living at Flushing, this county.

Charles Freeman came to Michigan with his parents from Vermont when a child and when seventeen years of age enlisted for service during the Civil War as a private in Company C, Twenty-third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war. He later went to Iowa and there married Anna Bailey, a couple of years later returning to Michigan and settling in this county. About four years later he returned to Iowa with his family, but about three years

later came back to Michigan and settled on a farm in Flushing township, this county, where he lived until his retirement from the active labors of the farm and removed to Flushing, where he and his wife are now living, very pleasantly situated. They are the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest, the others being Frank J., a farmer of Flushing township, this county; Edith M., widow of Mr. Fogle, of Pontiac, this state, and Beulah, unmarried, who is at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman are members of the Baptist church and for many years have taken a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

Horace B. Freeman was about six months old when his parents came to Michigan from Iowa; was about five when they returned to the latter state and about eight when they came back to this county and established their permanent residence in Flushing township, where he grew to manhood. Upon completing the course in the Flushing schools, he entered the office of the *Flushing Observer*, with a view to becoming a printer, but after two years of that form of experience gave up the printing trade and entered the general store of Herriman & Fox, where he remained for seven years. At the end of that time he took service with Smith, Bridgman & Company, two years later going to the store of E. B. Breman & Company, and was thus connected until August, 1907, when he bought the store of A. T. Miller & Company at Swartz Creek, and has ever since been engaged in business at the latter place, long having been recognized as one of the leading merchants of that place. Mr. Freeman is a Republican and during his residence at Flushing for three years served as clerk of that township.

In 1899 Horace B. Freeman was united in marriage to Laura D. McKenzie, who was born at Wingham, Ontario, and reared in Flushing, and to this union three children have been born, Helen, born in 1900, who was graduated from the Flushing high school with the class of 1916; Ralph, born in 1903, and Robert, born in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman are members of the Baptist church and take an earnest interest in the affairs of the same. Mr. Freeman is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the "blue" lodge at Flushing, of which he is a past master, and of the chapter at Flushing, while both he and his wife are members of the Flushing chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Freeman having held some of the important offices in the same. Mr. Freeman also is an active member of Swartz Creek Lodge No. 309, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past noble grand, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of all these fraternal organizations.

PAUL L. LAING.

One of the leading business men of Otisville is Paul L. Laing, merchant and undertaker, who also owns a good farm in Richfield township, Genesee county. He was born in the above-named village, December 6, 1872, and is a son of John B. and Harriet (Look) Laing. The father was born at Calcaldy, across the Firth from Edinburgh, Scotland. When nine years old his parents brought him to America, where the father, who was a seafaring man, settled on a farm in New England, where he spent the rest of his life. John B. Laing received a high school education in Vermont, then entered Bowdoin College, Maine, where he studied the languages and medicine; later was a student in the University of Michigan, then one year in the Detroit College of Medicine, being valedictorian of his class in 1869. He came to Mt. Morris, Genesee county, where he taught one term of school, also practiced medicine, then located in Otisville in 1871, continuing in active practice of his profession until late in life. His death occurred here on April 6, 1908, he having lived in retirement the last seven years of his life. He was for many years one of the leading physicians of the county. His wife preceded him to the grave on May 31, 1893. They were parents of five children, four now living, namely: Paul L., of this sketch; Gertrude died in infancy; Ronald J. is in business in Otisville; John B. lives in Flint; Gladys is the wife of Walter Vastbinder, of Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Doctor Laing was a profound scholar and an influential man in his community. He was an active worker in the cause of temperance and an ardent churchman, but not biased in his religious views. He was a charter member and acting secretary of Otisville Lodge No. 401, Free and Accepted Masons, for a number of years.

Paul L. Laing was graduated from the Flint high school, then entered the University of Michigan in 1894, spending two years in the law department, after which he taught three years in the public schools of Otisville. He then bought the general store of O. E. Snider and formed the firm of McCormick & Laing, which partnership existed thirteen years, from 1900 to 1913, when they sold to Crawford & Laing. The following autumn Mr. Laing bought the Corner Store, an interest in which he subsequently sold to Mr. Misner, the firm now being Laing & Misner. They carry a large general stock of merchandise and do a thriving business. Mr. Laing is also a licensed embalmer and undertaker.

Mr. Laing was married on April 7, 1896, to Nellie M. McCormick, a

daughter of John H. and Ellen J. (Roberts) McCormick. Her father's parents came from Ireland, locating in Forest township, Genesee county, Michigan, and John H. McCormick was the first white male child born there. To Mr. and Mrs. Laing the following children have been born: Harriet I., who died in infancy; Douglas R., John K., Paul A., Charles M. are all in school; Hunton W. is the baby.

Mr. Laing is independent in his political views. He has served as justice of the peace, is now serving his second term as president of Otisville, and has been a member of the village council a number of times. He belongs to Otisville Lodge No. 401, Free and Accepted Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his wife belong to the Eastern Star and the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee and is active in the work of the same.

WALTER P. CHRYSLER.

Walter P. Chrysler, general manager for the Buick Motor Company at Flint, is a native of Kansas, born at Wamego, that state, April 2, 1875, son of Henry and Mary (Breyman) Chrysler, both of whom were born in Wyandotte county, that state, and who are now living comfortably retired in the city of Salina, Kansas.

Henry Chrysler was the younger of the two sons born to his parents, the elder brother being Todd Chrysler. The father was a native of Kentucky and the mother, of Massachusetts. Grandfather Chrysler was a grocer and flour-miller at Wyandotte and he and his wife spent their last days there. When he was fourteen years of age, Henry Chrysler ran away from home and enlisted as a drummer boy in the Twelfth Regiment, Kansas Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the Civil War, after which he returned home and worked in his father's mill for some time, later going to Armstrong, Kansas, where he became employed in the shops of the Kansas Railroad Company. Some years later he became a locomotive fireman and presently was promoted to the position of locomotive engineer, running the first coal-burning locomotives on that line. For forty-one years Henry Chrysler served as a locomotive engineer and then retired from the road, continuing to make his home in Salina, where he and his wife now reside. They are members of the Methodist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were four of these chil-



W. P. Chrysler

dren. of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Edward E., of Detroit; Irene, wife of Edward Harvey, of Salina, Kansas, and one who died in early childhood. Mrs. Chrysler's father was born in Germany and as a young man came to this country and located at Wyandotte, Kansas, where he engaged in the drug business, later engaging in the live-stock business, in which he became quite successful. Both he and his wife lived to advanced ages. They were the parents of five children, Zerelda, Mary, Carl, George and John.

Walter P. Chrysler was three years old when his parents moved from Wamego to Ellis, Kansas, and in the latter town he grew to manhood. Following his graduation from the high school, he entered the Union Pacific railroad shops there and acquired a thorough acquaintance with the general principles of railroad mechanics, four years later transferring his services to the Santa Fe railroad and was for some time employed as a general mechanic in the shops of that company at Arkansas City. He then went to the main shops of the company at Topeka, where he remained a year, at the end of which time he began a tour as a journeyman machinist, with a view to working in all the shops of the Union Pacific system for the benefit of the experience thus to be acquired. Upon completing this round of employment he returned to Ellis and resumed his place in the Union Pacific shops at that place, presently interrupting his labors to take a course in a business college there. Afterward he went to Salt Lake City and, after a year's service as a general mechanic in the shops in that city, was made round-house foreman, a position he occupied for eighteen months, during which time, in June, 1901, he returned to Ellis and was there married. From Salt Lake City Mr. Chrysler went to Trinidad, Colorado, as general foreman of the shops of the Colorado Southern railway at that place and was presently promoted to the position of master mechanic, with headquarters at Childers, Texas. After a service of some time in that connection, he was engaged by the Chicago Great Western railroad as master mechanic of the shops of that company at Oelwein, Iowa, and while serving in that capacity was promoted to the position of superintendent of motive power and machinery. He served in that capacity until his services were engaged by the American Locomotive Company, as manager of the great plant of that company at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained until his services were secured by the Buick Motor Company at Flint. In January, 1912, Mr. Chrysler was installed as manager of the works of the great Buick plant at Flint, having eight thousand workmen under his direction.

On July 1, 1916, Mr. Chrysler was promoted to the position of general manager of the Buick Motor Company.

On June 4, 1901, Walter P. Chrysler was united in marriage, at Ellis, Kansas, to Della V. Forker, daughter of George Forker and wife, of that city, and to this union four children have been born, Thelma, Bernice, Walter and Jack. Mrs. Chrysler is a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Chrysler is a Scottish-Rite Mason and a noble of Isis Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Salina, Kansas.

JOHN F. BAKER.

John F. Baker, of Flint, one of the best-known attorneys in that city and a former member of the board of aldermen, is a native of Canada, but has lived in this county since he was about eight years old. He was born on Howe island, in the township of Pittsburg, province of Ontario, March 5, 1874, son of Thomas and Jemima (Kelley) Baker, both natives of England, the former born in Devonshire and the latter in Cornwall; the father is still living on their farm in Flint township, this county; the mother died on April 20, 1916. To them eight children were born, as follow: Smith H., a farmer of Flint township, this county; Susan, deceased, who was the wife of Charles E. Rice, of Mundy township, this county; George K., of Flint township; Elizabeth A., wife of J. Frank Sheldon, of that same township; John F., the subject of this biographical sketch; Eva G., wife of Samuel A. Herrick, living on the old home farm in Flint township, and two who died young.

Thomas Baker is the son of John Baker, who died at his home in Flint township, this county, in 1885, at the age of ninety-four years. John Baker, about 1846, after the death of his wife in England, came to this country with his son, John, and settled with the latter in Flint township, this county, where the latter died in 1884, at the age of sixty-five years, his father surviving him a year. The elder John Baker was the father of ten children, John, Charles, Thomas, Mrs. Elizabeth Sussex, who is still living in Devonshire, England; Mary, Amelia, Ann, Charlotte, Eliza and Martha. Thomas Baker was apprenticed in his youth to a miller, but after moving to Canada, he settled near Kingston and engaged in farming. His father and his brothers, John and Charles, had preceded him to Michigan. Upon the death of his eldest brother, John, in 1884, he came here to attend the funeral

and was so well pleased with the lay of the land that he bought a farm of one hundred and ten acres in Flint township and moved there the next year, in 1885. He is still living on the home farm, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife was the daughter of John and Rebecca (Bellman) Kelley, who emigrated from England with their family to Canada and settled on Howe island, where they spent the rest of their lives, the mother dying when past middle age and the father living to the age of seventy-four. They were the parents of seven children, Elizabeth, Susan, Jemima, Tabitha, William, John and Delia. Thomas Baker and his wife are Methodists. During the years he lived in Canada he was politically affiliated with the dominant party and held various minor local offices. Upon coming to the United States he affiliated with the Democratic party and has ever taken a warm interest in political affairs.

John F. Baker was about eleven years old when his parents came to this county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Flint township, receiving his elementary education in the Crocker school. When twenty years of age he went to Midland and began clerking in a store there. Shortly afterward William L. Baker erected an elevator at that place and he was made superintendent of the same, remaining thus engaged until the spring of 1897, when he went to Flint and entered upon a course in stenography and typewriting in the old Normal College, upon the completion of which course he returned to Midland and there for about two years read law in the office of M. J. Gue. He then returned home and was variously engaged until the fall of 1900, when he entered the Detroit College of Law, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1903. Mr. Baker worked his way through college by serving as a stenographer and typewriter and during his full course of three years missed but one lecture or recitation and that one he missed in order that he might attend the wedding of his sister. In the same month in which he was graduated, Mr. Baker was admitted to the bar and on July 6, following, opened an office at Flint; he has ever since been engaged in the practice of his profession in that city, with present offices in the Dryden building. Mr. Baker always has been a Democrat and has given close attention to political affairs in this county. He was secretary of the Democratic county committee from 1904 to 1908 and in that capacity managed two campaigns for his party. In the spring of 1913 he was elected alderman from the sixth ward, on the Citizens ticket, but did not complete his term, losing his seat when he moved out of the ward. During his service in the council he was chairman of the ordinance committee of that body and introduced and succeeded in having passed a number of

important ordinances, including a child-welfare ordinance, a factory-inspection ordinance and an ordinance for the abatement of the smoke nuisance.

On June 30, 1909, John F. Baker was united in marriage to Nettie Edna Stewart, who was born in Vienna township, this county, July 27, 1887, daughter of Walton and Rosabelle (Stage) Stewart, both natives of this county, the former of whom died in 1892 at Mansalona, where he was engaged in business. He was the son of George E. Stewart, who is still living, now making his home in Humboldt county, California, where he has a fruit farm. Mrs. Baker's maternal grandfather, Milton Stage, and his wife were early settlers of this county. He was one of the first surveyors of Genesee county. His wife was a native of Devonshire, England. They were the parents of four children, Elmer, Mrs. Ella Mann, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. William Humphrey. To Walton Stewart and wife two children were born, Mrs. Baker having a brother, George M. Stewart. To Mr. and Mrs. Baker three children have been born, Francis S., who died in infancy; Frances Edna and John Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Baker is president of the Equitable Fraternal Union; member of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons; Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a social member of McKinley Camp No. 8, National League of Veterans and Sons, and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mr. Baker was elected worthy patron in 1916. For three years Mr. Baker was a member of the Michigan National Guard and during the last year of that service held the rank of assistant quarter-master sergeant.

FRANK E. JONES.

Frank E. Jones, a well-known and progressive farmer of Clayton township, proprietor of "Maple Lane Farm," a well-kept place of eighty acres four miles north of Swartz Creek on the Moorish road, rural route No. 5 out of Flint, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Independence township, in the neighboring county of Oakland, October 13, 1870, son of George and Catherine M. (Black) Jones, the former a native of the state of New Jersey and the latter of New York, who later became well-known residents of this county.

George Jones was born on March 12, 1848, and was but a child when his parents came to Michigan from New Jersey and settled in Oakland

county, where he grew to manhood and where he married Catherine M. Black, who was born on March 22, 1848, and who was but a child when her parents came to Michigan from New York state and settled in Oakland county. After his marriage George Jones continued to make his home in Oakland county until 1878, when he moved with his family to Genesee county and settled in Flushing township, later moving to Clayton township, where he is still living. His wife died on January 15, 1907. They were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Lillie, who married R. S. Budd, of Lansing, this state.

Frank E. Jones was eight years old when his parents moved over into Genesee county from Oakland county and he grew to manhood in Clayton township, remaining on the home farm, a valuable assistant to his father in the development of the same, until his marriage, when twenty-two years of age. He then began farming for himself, living on a rented farm for ten years, at the end of which time he bought forty acres of the old Stone farm, the place on which his wife was born and reared, and there made his home until he sold that place to advantage and bought the farm of eighty acres on which he is now living and where he and his family are very pleasantly situated. "Maple Lane Farm" is regarded as one of the best-kept places in that part of the county. Mr. Jones is a Democrat and has held the office of township treasurer.

On October 26, 1892, Frank E. Jones was united in marriage to Hattie B. Stone, who was born on a farm in Clayton township, this county, January 7, 1871, daughter of Judson A. and Sarah A. (Ottaway) Stone, the former of whom was born in Oakland county, this state, and the latter in Clayton township, this county. During the Civil War, Judson A. Stone enlisted for service in Company B, Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, and served with that command for almost three years. He later married and settled in Clayton township, this county, where he spent the rest of his life, an industrious and influential resident of that part of the county. He died in 1890 and his widow is still living. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. Jones having a brother, Eugene Stone, of Flint, and a sister, Inez, who married Fred W. Smith and lives at Flushing. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones one son has been born, Lyle V. Jones, born on June 7, 1895, who was graduated from the Baker Business University at Flint and is living at home with his parents. Frank E. Jones is a member of Swartz Creek Lodge No. 458, Free and Accepted Masons, of which lodge he is one of the officers, and both he and his wife are members of the local chapter of the

Order of the Eastern Star. They both also are members of Flushing Grange No. 387, and in the affairs of these several organizations take a warm and active interest, as well as in the general social activities of their home community.

FRANK PATTERSON.

It is a pleasure to any one to look over a well-improved and finely-kept place like that of Frank Patterson, of Burton township, Genesee county, for he believes in keeping abreast of the times, adopting, so far as practicable, the most approved twentieth-century methods in general farming. He was born in Saginaw county, Michigan, January 23, 1856, and is a son of John and Eliza (Benett) Patterson, both natives of the state of New York, where they grew up and were married. They came West in a very early day and took up land from the government in Brady township, Saginaw county, Michigan. They spent the first winter in Flint and in the spring of 1854 moved to their land, becoming owners of three hundred acres, unimproved. Mr. Patterson cleared and developed his land and built a group of farm buildings on it, but, after a residence here of a few years, moved with his family to Chesaning township, Saginaw county, later to Clinton county. He ran a hotel for awhile on the main road through Chesaning township, Saginaw county. The family lived in Clinton county from the spring of 1863 until the father's death, the mother having died while the family lived in Saginaw county. To John Patterson and wife eleven children were born, all of whom grew to maturity, but only four are living at this writing, namely: Mary, widow of Seth Hinkley, who died while a soldier in the Civil War, lives at Lansing, Michigan; Chauncey lives in St. Johns, Michigan; Frank, of this sketch, and Josephine, wife of Monroe Smith, of Port Huron, Michigan.

Frank Patterson grew up on the home farm, where he remained until he was about twenty years old. He received his education in the district schools, and then hired out for a few years in Clinton county on a farm. After his marriage he lived in Kalkaska county, this state, buying wild land, which he cleared up and put out in crops. After living there seven years, he removed to Livingston county and lived west of Fenton on a farm for a period of nine years, after which he returned to Kalkaska county, where he bought ninety acres. This he cleared and improved, building a home and outbuildings and remained there until seven years ago, when he moved to

his present farm of one hundred and ten acres, known as the "Maple Grove farm," in section 4, five and one-half miles southeast of Flint.

Mr. Patterson was married in Farmington, Michigan, on January 8, 1879, to Addie Crawford, a daughter of Myron and Charlotte (Seaton) Crawford. She was born in Farmington township, Oakland county, Michigan, on the same farm on which her father was born and on which he spent his entire life, his death occurring in 1898. The place was originally entered from the government by Robert Crawford, Mrs. Patterson's grandfather who removed here from the state of New York in a very early day and lived to be ninety-eight years old.

One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Chauncey B. Patterson, who married Maude France, of Petoskey, has one daughter, June B.; they live in Flint, where he follows his trade of machinist. Politically, Mr. Patterson is a Republican, but is not especially active in public affairs.

HERBERT HAAS.

The old homestead, with its precious memories, has been a good enough place to live for Herbert Haas, farmer, of Thelford township, who is a representative of an early family of Genesee county. He was born on this farm, March 20, 1879, and is a son of Frederick and Louisa (Biehl) Haas. The father was born in Germany and when about four years of age his parents brought him to Canada, where he grew to manhood. His father, Frederick Haas, Sr., followed his trade of shoemaker in St. George, Ontario, for a number of years, spending the rest of his life there, his old age in the home of his son, Frederick, Jr. Louisa Biehl was born in Germany, from which country she was brought to Canada when a small girl, her parents locating in Ontario, and she grew up in the Preston vicinity. After their marriage, Frederick Haas, Jr., and wife remained in that vicinity about a year. He was a cheese-maker by trade. He and his wife moved to Thelford township, Genesee county, Michigan, buying eighty acres of wild land, where Herbert now lives. This they cleared and began life in typical pioneer fashion, erecting a log house in which they lived for some time. They remained on this farm until 1899 when they rented the place out and moved to Clio, buying a small place there. He has lived in retirement during the past six years. To these parents ten children, six of whom are still living, have been born, named as follows: Herbert, of this sketch; Flora is the wife of George Phillips, of Flint; Frank is in the transfer business

in Los Angeles, California; Mabel is the wife of Ralph M. Gillett, of Clio; Clara is the wife of Charles Sturdevant, of Clio; Estella is the wife of Ray Ford, of Clio.

Herbert Haas grew up on the farm where he worked hard when a boy, as did all sons of pioneers, and he received his education in the district schools. He remained at home until he was eighteen years old, then started out for himself. On March 13, 1901, he married Nettie Cummings, youngest daughter of Orlando Cummings, a prominent farmer of Goodrich, Genesee county. After his marriage he took up farming on the home place in the spring of 1901, and bought the place and has continued to live here ever since. He has kept it well improved and well cultivated.

Politically, Mr. Haas is a Republican. He was overseer of his township in 1913, since which year he was served as highway commissioner, filling both offices very successfully. He is a member of Vienna Lodge No. 205, Free and Accepted Masons, at Clio.

COL. JAMES S. PARKER.

Col. James S. Parker, former commander of the Third Regiment, Michigan National Guard, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, former prosecuting attorney of Genesee county, former city attorney of Flint and former circuit court commissioner, one of the best-known lawyers in this part of the state, member of the law firm of Lee & Parker, with offices in the McDermott block at Flint, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm near the village of Corunna, in the neighboring county of Shiawasee, January 15, 1872. His parents, Hugh and Janet (Fleming) Parker, the former a native of this state and the latter of Pennsylvania, are both now deceased. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest, the others being as follow: Anna M., wife of John Peddler, of West Terre Haute, Indiana; Ada M., unmarried, of Owosso, this state; Dr. Walter T. Parker, of Corunna, and Edna M., wife of Warner Stoddard, also of Corunna.

Hugh Parker was born on a pioneer farm in the neighborhood of Orchard Lake, Oakland county. He was the son of Thomas and Anna (Neilson) Parker, natives of Scotland and early settlers in that part of Michigan, who were the parents of seven children, of whom Hugh was the third in order of birth, the others being, John, of Livingston county, this



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state; Mrs. Marion Thompson, of Owosso; William, of Corunna; Mrs. Anna Salmon, of Owosso; Thomas, deceased, and Alexander, living near Owosso. The elder Thomas Parker and his wife emigrated from Scotland to Canada and settled near Chatham, whence they presently moved to Michigan, settling in the vicinity of Orchard Lake in Oakland county; they moved thence, after awhile, to Shiawassee county, spending their last days on a farm in the vicinity of Corunna, grandfather Parker being eighty years of age at the time of his death and his wife, seventy. Hugh Parker was fifteen years old when his parents moved to Shiawassee county and he spent the rest of his life there, becoming a well-to-do and influential farmer of the Corunna neighborhood, the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres, where he died on June 14, 1915, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife had preceded him to the grave the year before, she having been seventy-four years of age at the time of her death, in 1914. She was a daughter of Thomas Fleming and wife, the latter of whom was a Ewing, natives of Scotland, who settled in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, upon coming to this country, and spent the rest of their lives there. Thomas Fleming and wife were the parents of five children, David, Thomas, James, Janet and Margaret. Mrs. Parker was reared in the faith of the Christian church (Disciples), but later in life attended the Methodist church, of which her husband was a member, and their children were reared in that faith.

James S. Parker was reared on the paternal farm near Corunna and three grew to manhood. He obtained his elementary education in the district schools and the Corunna high school, supplementing the same by a course in Hillsdale College, from which he was graduated in 1892, after which he entered upon the study of the law in the office in which he is now practicing at Flint. He was admitted to the bar on August 11, 1894, and on January 1, 1899, entered into partnership with Edward S. Lee, which mutually agreeable arrangement continues. Colonel Parker is a Republican and has ever given his earnest attention to local political affairs. He served two terms as city attorney of Flint; was circuit court commissioner, 1896-1900, and prosecuting attorney, 1909-12. In February, 1894, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Third Regiment, Michigan National Guard, and from the very beginning of that service took such an active interest in militia affairs that he gradually rose from the ranks to the head of the regiment, being mustered out as colonel of the Third Michigan on February 22, 1909. Upon the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, Colonel Parker was mustered, April 26, 1898, as first lieutenant of Company A, Thirty-third Reg-

ment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and was in command of that company during the campaign before Santiago.

On September 9, 1896, James S. Parker was united in marriage to Myrtle A. Young, who was born at Corunna, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, March 11, 1872, daughter of Charles B. Young and wife, natives of this state, who are still living on their farm near Corunna and among the best known and influential citizens of that county. They are the parents of three children, Mrs. Parker having a brother, Claude E. Young, of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, a mechanical engineer (University of Michigan), and a sister, Lulu, wife of Sidney W. Shipman, living near Corunna. Mrs. Parker is a graduate of the Corunna high school, class of 1890, and after her graduation was engaged in teaching school until her marriage. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, in the affairs of which she takes an active interest.

To Colonel and Mrs. Parker five children have been born, Allan Lee, Hugh Neilson, Harold Earl, Madeline Louise and James Fleming. Colonel Parker is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Detroit, and is a noble of Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in that city. He is a past master of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, at Flint; a member of Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; Flint Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar. He also is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in the affairs of all of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

SAMUEL MORTON BACON.

The farmer has a much better chance to observe and enjoy art as it is found in nature, and, therefore, ought to be a man of high ideals. Samuel Morton Bacon, of Montrose township, Genesee county, has been content to spend his life amid rural scenes and he has been a close observer of the uplifting things about him. He is not only a successful agriculturist, but a good citizen in the fullest sense of the term.

Mr. Bacon was born in Hastings county, Ontario, Canada, September 20, 1876, and is a son of Joseph John and Mary Ann (Morton) Bacon. The

father was born in the same locality as was the subject of this sketch, the date of his birth being August 29, 1853. His wife was born in Sterling, province of Ontario, February 11, 1856. They grew up in their native country, attended school and were married there in 1871. Joseph J. Bacon remained in Canada until he was about twenty-five years old, and after living on a farm of his uncle near Dresden, Ontario, for one year, he came to Saginaw, Michigan, in 1881, and worked in a mill three months, then came on to Genesee county, where he bought forty acres, in section 2, Flushing township. The land was timbered, but he cleared it, and after a road was surveyed he found that about one-half of his place was in the road. However, he continued to live there about eight years, then traded his place for ninety-three acres in section 2. Later he bought back his first farm, on which he lived for fifteen years, then sold it to his son, Samuel M., and bought a farm in Mr. Morris township, which he operated a number of years. Then he retired and moved to the village of Clio, where he spent the rest of his life, dying on February 25, 1916, at the age of sixty-three years. Politically, he was a Republican. He belonged to the Gleaners and the Loyal Guards, also to the Methodist Episcopal church. His family consisted of eight children, namely: Samuel M., of this sketch; William J. lives in Montrose township; Mark E. lives in Flushing township; Belle, twin of Mark E., is deceased; Charles H. lives in Flint; Nettie is the wife of William Stout and they live in Clio; Archie L. lives on the old homestead; and Winnie is deceased. The mother of these children is still living at the family residence in Clio.

Samuel M. Bacon grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. Remaining with his parents until he reached his majority, he began farming for himself, buying the farm on which he now lives. It was all timbered. He began with very little capital, but with resolution and ambition began clearing his land and in due course of time developed a good farm, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improvement. He subsequently bought forty acres of woodland adjoining, cleared that and put it under cultivation; finally bought one hundred and sixty acres, partly cleared, in section 36. He also bought the forty acres which his father first settled here and one hundred and seventy-three acres adjoining. He also bought forty acres in section 2, Flushing township, and is now owner of five hundred and thirty-three acres, four hundred and twenty of which are under cultivation. He carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale and by modern methods. He makes a specialty of raising potatoes, averaging three hundred bushels to the acre,

but he has produced as high as eight hundred bushels per acre. He always keeps a good grade of live stock of all kinds. Most of his land has been tiled, he having laid about thirteen miles of tiling. He farms with tractors and other kinds of twentieth century machinery and owns an automobile of one of the best makes. He has a commodious home, with up-to-date furnishings and fixtures, two large, substantial barns, two new silos, a granary with a capacity of five thousand bushels, a potato cellar with a capacity of four thousand bushels, an engine house and an engine to operate his machinery for many purposes about the place. Most of his outbuildings have cement floors. He keeps a well-stocked trout pond. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished unaided and through his own industry and good judgment. He is one of the most progressive and successful farmers of Genesee county.

Mr. Bacon was married on February 15, 1902, to Erma L. Ramsey, who was born in Flushing township, Genesee county, and here she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Frank Jefferson Ramsey and Jennie (Pratt) Ramsey, who live on a farm in Flushing township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bacon, namely: Hazel Isabelle, born, March 6, 1903; Glen Ward, born April 14, 1905, and Effie May, born September 30, 1907.

Politically, Mr. Bacon is a Republican, but rather inclined to vote independently. Fraternally, he belongs to Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Flint; the Masonic order, Orange Lodge No. 352, at Montrose, and is master of the latter.

WARREN J. HINKLEY.

Warren J. Hinkley, a prominent farmer and stockman of Genesee county, was born in Flushing township on November 19, 1870, being the son of John and Althea Elizabeth (French) Hinkley.

John Hinkley was born on November 8, 1835, at North Hector, Schuyler county, New York, where he lived until he was ten years of age. In 1845 he came with his parents, Jeremiah C. and Phoebe Ann (Bond) Hinkley, to Michigan. Jeremiah C. Hinkley was born on November 4, 1801, and was married to Phoebe Ann Bond on December 27, 1825. Mrs. Hinkley was born on September 22, 1808. To this union were born the following children: Mary Ann, born on January 30, 1827; Margaret M. and

Mary Ann, twins, born on March 1, 1829; Olive, born on April 7, 1831; Caroline, born on September 10, 1833; John K., born on November 8, 1835; Jeremiah, born on January 31, 1839; Helen Ann, born on June 11, 1841; Joseph D., born on July 6, 1843; Eliza W., born on August 7, 1845, and Charles F., born on August 31, 1852. The children are all dead but Helen Hinkley Bowman, of Flushing.

When Jeremiah C. Hinkley came to Michigan he located in Flushing township, where he purchased two hundred and twenty acres of land in sections 25 and 36. It was here that he made his home, until his death on September 7, 1853. His wife survived him until September 16, 1858.

John Hinkley was united in marriage on February 14, 1864, to Althea Elizabeth French, who was born on November 16, 1840. To this union were born the following children: Freddie, who was born on March 16, 1865, and died on September 3, 1868; Bertha P., born on January 17, 1869, became the wife of Elmer Barnhart, on November 21, 1885; Warren J., born November 19, 1870; Myrtle M., born on July 21, 1878, became the wife of Merton D. Phelps, of Flushing, on March 20, 1901; Lula M., born on June 24, 1880, became the wife of Louis E. Hike on February 17, 1903; Mina A., born on July 21, 1883, married Fred J. Hull on July 4, 1905. Althea French Hinkley, the mother, died on the farm, March 29, 1908.

John Hinkley, on the death of his father, Jeremiah Hinkley, operated the home farm for some years, and then he purchased of the heirs one hundred and twenty acres in section 25, where he lived until his death, on September 1, 1911.

Warren J. Hinkley received his education at the high school at Flushing. After completing his education he remained on the home farm until his marriage on November 19, 1889, to Alberta A. Jeffers, who was born in Flushing on July 17, 1872, she being the daughter of George and Elvira E. (Leland) Jeffers. After their marriage, Warren and Alberta Hinkley located in Montrose township, where they purchased forty acres of land and made their home seven years. They then sold the place and came to Flushing, where they lived for six years. At the death of the mother Warren Hinkley returned to the old homestead, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres, which he has since made his home. Here he is interested in general farming and stock raising. For a time he conducted a dairy and drove a milk wagon to Flushing. He now has some fine Shorthorn and Durham cattle as well as some full-blood Poland China hogs.

Mr. Hinkley has a most excellent farm under a high state of cultiva-

tion, with modern and well-kept buildings. The barn, thirty-six by one hundred feet, was built in 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkley have a most pleasant home and are the parents of two children, Gretchen, born on August 15, 1891, and Waynard J., who was born on February 16, 1906. Gretchen is a graduate of the Flushing high school and the Chicago School of Music.

George Jeffers, the father of Alberta Hinkley, was born in Burton township on August 20, 1841, being the son of Daniel and Jane (Taylor) Jeffers, both of whom were natives of England. After their marriage in the state of New York, they settled in Burton township, where they resided for a few years, and then returned to New York state and lived at Niagara Falls for three years. They then returned to Burton township where they lived until their death. Elvira Leland Jeffers was born in Rose township, Oakland county, on February 13, 1838. She and George Jeffers were the parents of one child, Alberta, the wife of Warren J. Hinkley. Mrs. Jeffers died on February 20, 1902. Mr. Jeffers, who was a soldier of the Civil War, having served in Company F, Thirteenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, is now making his home with Warren J. Hinkley and wife.

Warren J. Hinkley belongs to the Modern Woodmen and Knights of Pythias and is a Free and Accepted Mason, having attained the Royal Arch degree. Politically, he is a Republican and has served as assessor of the village and as superintendent of road building. He is a man of excellent judgment and is held in high esteem by those who know him.

J. M. VAN BUSKIRK.

J. M. Van Buskirk, a prominent farmer of Richfield township, whose pleasant home is known as "Maple Hurst," was born on January 18, 1857, in Richfield township, being the son of Abraham and Esther (Dickinson) Van Buskirk.

Abraham Van Buskirk was born in Genesee county, New York, where he received his education. His parents died when he was but a boy and he went to St. Louis, Missouri, to live with his brother-in-law. As a young man, living on the bank of the Mississippi river, he engaged in operating a ferry boat. He later visited his brother, John Van Buskirk, in Richfield township, and, becoming impressed with the timbered country, he bought one hundred acres in section 18 and just across the road from his brother's home. Here he located and remained until his death in 1904. He had cleared

and improved his farm until he had one of the best in the community. He was an unassuming and loyal citizen of the township. During the Civil War he enlisted and served during the greater part of that conflict in Company K, Twenty-third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

To Abraham and Esther Van Buskirk were born the following children: Delas, J. M., Mary and Phidelia. Delas is living with J. M.; Mary is the wife of Wilbur Van Dyke, of Columbiaville, Michigan, and Phidelia died at the age of eight years. In 1861 Esther Van Buskirk died when the son, J. M., was but four years of age. In the fall of 1862 Abraham Van Buskirk was married to Jane Caverin, a native of the state of New York, and to this union were born three children: Joel A., of Detroit; Charlotte, the wife of William Ellis, of Genesee township, and Charles, of Richfield township.

J. M. Van Buskirk received his education in the district schools of Richfield township and remained at home on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age. On November 21, 1878, he was united in marriage to Chloe Meniger, the daughter of William Meniger and wife, who were pioneer settlers of Genesee county, having come from the state of New York in 1842. The young married couple located on one hundred and sixty acres of wooded land in section 28 and began to make for themselves a home. It was here that the young wife died in 1847. Some years later Mr. Meniger married Lucy Troop, the daughter of William Troop and wife, and to this union were born three children: Chloe, the wife of J. M. Van Buskirk; Alfonso, who is in New York City, and Mary, who is the wife of W. H. Booth, of Elba, Lapeer county.

After their marriage, J. M. and Chloe Van Buskirk located on the farm where they now reside, although they have not lived here all the time. At first Mr. Van Buskirk rented two hundred and thirty acres for four years, after which he purchased one hundred acres in sections 28 and 29 in Richfield township. This he farmed in connection with the one hundred and seventy acres of W. M. Meniger and one hundred acres of Alfonso Meinger. He remained here for ten years, after which he sold and moved to section 20, where he owned forty acres as well as eighty in section 29. After ten months he sold the forty and moved back to section 19, where he rented for five years, after which he purchased the west sixty acres of the place and fifteen acres in section 28. He later purchased sixty acres of the old homestead where he now resides and where he has a well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and twenty acres.

To J. M. and Chloe Van Buskirk was born one child, Arthur A., who was born on January 6, 1892, and died on February 18, 1899.

Politically, Mr. Van Buskirk is a Republican and has served his township as treasurer and as a member of the board of review. He is agent for the Genesee County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company as well as the Michigan Mutual Tornado and Cyclone Insurance Company. He is a director of the Davison State Bank and often acts as administrator of estates.

For the past fourteen years, Mattie Van Dyke, a niece of Mr. Van Buskirk, has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Van Buskirk, her mother, Mary Van Dyke, being deceased. She has always had the same kind attention as though she was their own, and since they lost their only child she seems very near and dear to them.

GEORGE E. MCKINLEY.

George E. McKinley, former alderman and mayor of Flint, for years district organizer for the American Federation of Labor, former state factory inspector and the present superintendent of the Michigan state free employment bureau, is a native of Flint and has lived there practically all his life. He was born on August 12, 1871, son of James and Margaret (White) McKinley, natives of County Armagh, Ireland, whose last days were spent in Flint and who were the parents of nine children, namely: Alexander, who died in 1876; William, of Detroit; James, of Flint; George E., the subject of this biographical sketch; Jennie, wife of A. E. Gladwin, of Boston, Massachusetts; Fannie, wife of Charles Maddern, of Evart, this state; Mary, wife of William Wilson, also of Evart; Margaret, wife of Myron D. Smith, also of Evart, and Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Hovey.

James McKinley was reared in Ireland and, after coming to America, married Margaret White, daughter of George and Margaret White, the former of whom died in Ireland, after which his widow joined her daughter in this country and spent her last days in her home. After marriage, James McKinley and his wife for a short time were located at Rahway, New Jersey, moving thence to Detroit, where Mr. McKinley was for a number of years engaged in railroad work. In the early sixties he and his family came to this county and located at Flint, where Mr. McKinley continued railroad work and where he also worked in the foundries, and there he spent his last days, living to be seventy-six years of age. His widow survived him until August 3, 1893, having married for her second husband Thomas Cochran,

and she was eighty-six years of age at the time of her death. Mr. Cochran survived her until 1912. She was a member of the Episcopal church and Mr. Cochran of the Methodist Episcopal. Their children were reared in the Episcopal faith.

George E. McKinley's schooling was obtained in the public schools at Flint and he early began making his own way, his first employment having been as a "cash boy" in the dry-goods store of F. H. & E. O. Pierce. He later learned cigar making and presently established a cigar factory in Flint, which he operated for about ten years, at the end of which time, his health failing, he spent a year and a half at Evart, returning thence to Flint in 1911, in which year he opened another cigar factory. For years Mr. McKinley has taken an active and a prominent part in the affairs of organized labor, not only in Flint, but throughout the state, and for three years served as district organizer for the American Federation of Labor. He also for years has taken an active part in local political affairs and in 1900 was elected alderman from his ward, serving in that capacity until his election, in 1906, to the office of mayor of the city, as the nominee of the Democratic party. So well did he perform his administrative duties that he was re-elected and served two terms as mayor. Under the administration of Governor Ferris he was appointed state factory inspector and in 1914, upon the creation of the state free employment bureau, he was appointed superintendent of that important bureau for this section, with offices in the city building at Flint, and is now thus engaged. In 1912 Mr. McKinley was the candidate of the Democratic party for a seat in the lower house of the Michigan General Assembly, but was unable to overcome the strong Republican majority in his district.

On November 26, 1891, George E. McKinley was united in marriage to Ellen H. Lane, who was born at Auburn, this state, but was reared in Detroit. Mrs. McKinley has a twin sister, Mary, they being the daughters of Henry and Ellen (O'Brien) Lane. Henry Lane is a native of Germany and his wife was born in Ireland. They were married in Pennsylvania and afterward came to Michigan. Mrs. Lane died in Detroit in 1892 and Mr. Lane is now making his home with his daughter at Flint. Mrs. McKinley is a member of the Catholic church and Mr. McKinley is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight of Pythias, an Elk and an Eagle and in the affairs of these several organizations takes a warm interest. Mr. McKinley still retains his interest in his cigar factory and is recognized as one of Flint's active business men.

EVERETT LEWIS BRAY.

As a lawyer, Everett Lewis Bray has for many years stood at the front in the ranks of his profession at the Genesee county bar, his career being noted for strength, fidelity and honor. The relations between him and his clients are ever loyal and genuine. He is noted for his thorough knowledge of the law, not only of its great underlying principles, but also for its niceties and its exacting details, and for his faculty of clearly presenting to court and jury the law and facts of the case under consideration.

Mr. Bray, who is a member of the law firm of Carton, Bray & Stewart, of Flint, was born in Genesee township, this county, May 18, 1864. He is a son of Alexander and Bertha (Seeley) Bray. When but a lad Alexander Bray came to Genesee county from Springfield, Ohio, with his mother, his father having died in that city. The mother settled on a farm in Genesee township, where the son grew to manhood and there he engaged in farming and the live-stock business for many years. He shipped the first carload of stock from Chicago to the Saginaw valley. In fact, he made the live stock business his principal life work. He and his brother, Benjamin, at one time owned over five hundred acres of good land, which they finally divided, late in the seventies, Alexander retaining as his last piece of land one hundred acres, which he sold about 1885. His wife died in 1878 when about forty-eight years of age. In 1885 he moved to Mt. Morris. During the panic of 1878 he met with reverses, some of his customers failing him for about twenty thousand dollars. However, one hundred acres of his land was saved and put in his wife's name. His family consisted of four children, namely: Irving S., deceased; Lucia G., who married Charles Montague, died in the early nineties; Everett L. of this sketch, and Archie A., of Mt. Morris. The father of these children is still living, now about eighty years of age, making his home in Mt. Morris. His mother, Marilla Chittenden, was a great-granddaughter of Thomas Chittenden, the first governor of Vermont, of which state both parents of Alexander Bray were natives. The father was a physician and surgeon and for two years practiced in the City of Mexico. Afterward he settled in Springfield, Ohio, where he was residing during the great cholera epidemic that swept the country in the early days, during which all the doctors, but four, left Springfield, he being one of the number that remained, but he contracted the disease and died there. Soon thereafter his widow moved to Genesee county, Michigan, locating on a farm near her brother, Nelson Chittenden, who induced her to come here. She lived to an

advanced age. She had been twice married, first to a Mr. Mitchell, by whom she had one son, Ossian, long since deceased. Three children were born of her second marriage, Alexander, Benjamin and Caroline.

It is believed that the founder of the Bray family in America lived in Maine and was a descendant of Sir Thomas Bray, an English divine.

Daniel Hawley Seeley, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Connecticut, where his wife, Julia, was also born. They came to Michigan from the state of New York and settled in Flint, Genesee county, in a very early day, there being at the time only nine families and seven houses in this place. Mr. Seeley was a tailor, using the earnings from this trade to develop the land in Genesee township, which he took up from the government. He finally moved onto his farm and cleared and improved three hundred and twenty acres, which under his able management became one of the finest farms in the county, and he took the prize on it several years. Here he and his wife spent their last days, his death occurring at the age of eighty-four and hers at about eighty. They were parents of five children, Marvin L., Frank, Theron, Bertha J. and Frances.

Everett L. Bray was reared on the home farm, on which he remained until he was twenty-one years of age. He attended the district schools and was graduated from the Flint high school in 1885; then he studied law in the office of Judge Oscar Adams in Cheboygan and later with Durand & Carton in Flint. He was admitted to the bar on August 17, 1887. After spending a few years in search of a proper location, he returned to Flint in 1891 and formed a partnership with John M. Russell, at that time prosecuting attorney of Genesee county, Mr. Bray becoming assistant in this office. This partnership lasted until in 1893, after which Mr. Bray practiced his profession alone for a period of ten years. Upon the death of Judge Durand he formed a partnership with John J. Carton, under the firm name of Carton & Bray, which existed for some years, when they took William C. Stewart into the firm, which has since been Carton, Bray & Stewart, one of the best known and most successful in the city of Flint.

Mr. Bray was married on January 8, 1902, to Viola E. Swart, a daughter of Menzo and Sallie (Wiggins) Swart. She was born in Flushing, Genesee county, March 5, 1873. Her parents were natives of New York state and both are now deceased. Three children were born to them, Viola E., wife of Mr. Bray; Arzie, who died when about fourteen years of age, and Jennie, who died in early childhood. Mr. Swart engaged in lumbering for a number of years in his earlier career; then for many years was trespass agent for the state land office and devoted the last few years of his active

life to farming. He served in the Civil War in the Sixteenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry. He was a gallant soldier and for his ability and bravery was commissioned a first lieutenant, being for a time acting captain of his company.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bray one child, a daughter, Bertha Beatrice Bray, has been born. Mrs. Bray is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Mr. Bray is a stockholder in the General Motors Company, the Chevrolet Company, the Copeman Electric Stove Works and the Genesee County Savings Bank. He is independent in politics and, fraternally, belongs to Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, and Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The first meeting of the board of supervisors after its organization and the first term of the circuit court in Genesee county after the organization of the state were held in a building owned by Mr. Bray's grandfather, Daniel H. Seeley, in Flint.

VICTOR E. GEORGE.

A farmer, when he has raised his crop, has performed only half his duty; the other half is selling, which determines his profit for the year's work. It is just as important for the agricultural producer to know what the markets are as it is for the merchant or manufacturer. Victor E. George, a farmer of Mundy township, Genesee county, not only knows how to raise various crops, but how best to market them.

Mr. George was born in the above named township and county, one-half mile west of where he now lives, December 18, 1853. He is a son of Eugene and Harriet (Genson) George. The father was a native of Switzerland and was a son of George George, who was a soldier under Napoleon. The mother of the subject was a native of the state of New York. Eugene George spent his boyhood in Switzerland, where he attended school, immigrating to the United States when twenty years of age. He located in Greene county, Michigan, where he entered land from the government, which he developed into a good farm and on which he spent the rest of his life, having, through his industry and good management, accumulated two hundred acres. His parents came to this country with him. He was married in Genesee county, where his wife had been teaching school. To their union two sons and two daughters were born, one of whom is deceased, namely: Victor is the eldest; Celina, who is the widow of L. T. Curtis, lives in Mundy town-

ship, Genesee county; Florence is the wife of George Coggins and they live in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Victor George was reared on the home farm and received a public school education, also attended the Flint high school. He continued to work on the home place, receiving a share of the crops, until he was thirty years of age. He owns two hundred and eighty acres of well improved and productive land, known as the "Pleasant View Farm," situated five miles south of Flint on the Fenton road. He carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale until recently, when he retired from active labor and is now living at No. 612 West Court street, Flint. He made all his property himself and is very comfortably fixed in every respect.

Mr. George was married on May 3, 1882, to Margaret Delaney, of Gaines township, Genesee county. She was born in the town of Grand Blanc, this state, and reared in Gaines township, receiving a good public school education. She is a daughter of Michael Delaney, who was born in Ireland. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. George, namely: Ernest, who was graduated from the Flint high school, spent one year in Sandwich College, and is now a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Victor L., who was graduated from the Flint high school, later attended the State Agricultural College; Celina, who is a graduate of Adrian College Sisters Home, is the wife of D. E. Sweeney, of Detroit.

Mr. George is a Democrat and has held minor local offices. He was reared a Catholic and he and his family are members of St. Matthews church.

RANDOLPH H. RANSOM.

Randolph H. Ransom, a successful farmer of Mt. Morris township, was born in Flushing township on October 25, 1870, being the son of Robert William and Roda (French) Ransom. Robert William Ransom was born on a farm three miles southwest of Flushing on July 24, 1848, and lived here until his marriage to Roda French on December 24, 1867. He then purchased a farm three miles northwest of Flushing, and it was here that Randolph H. was born. The family lived here until 1886, when the place was sold, after which Mr. Ransom bought a farm two miles southeast of Flushing, in section 36. In 1910 he moved to the town of Flushing, where he still resides.

Roda (French) Ransom was born in Flushing township on June 6, 1846, and here grew to manhood and was educated in the schools of the township.

She was the daughter of Henry French and wife, whose history will be found in the sketch of Bert French. Mrs. Ransom died on November 12, 1912. To her and Robert W. Ransom were born four children: Randolph H.; Elvia, the wife of William Lewis, of Flint; Susie, who died on March 12, 1902, and Mark.

Robert Ransom, the paternal grandfather of Randolph H. Ransom, was a native of the eastern part of the United States and came to Genesee county in an early day. He settled on a farm in Genesee township and here made his home until his death.

Randolph H. Ransom was educated and grew to manhood in Flushing township. He lived at home and assisted his father on the farm until his marriage to Tessie Small, who was born in Flint on June 3, 1870, she being the daughter of Mathew and Mary (Frawley) Small. After his marriage on July 3, 1901, Mr. Ransom rented the Thayer farm, southeast of Flushing, for two years, after which he rented the M. R. Freeman farm, of three hundred and ten acres. In 1909 he purchased eighty-four acres on section 32, where he now lives. He did not take up his residence on the farm until 1912. In 1915 he bought an adjoining thirty-two acres. Here he does general farming and stock raising, keeps a large number of hogs and has some fine Durham cattle. He is also interested in horses and has some fine draft horses as well as some good drivers.

Politically, Mr. Ransom is a Republican and takes much interest in local politics, having served for four years on the school board. Fraternally, he is a Free and Accepted Mason and belongs to the lodge at Flushing.

Tessie (Small) Ransom was born and educated in Flint and for some years before her marriage lived in Boston, Massachusetts, with an uncle, who was a physician. While there she attended school and finished a course in nursing. She remained in Boston until 1899, when she returned to Michigan and was here married. To Randolph H. and Tessie Ransom have been born the following children: Rausler, who was born on October 24, 1903, and died on May 5, 1904; Isabelle, born on June 16, 1905, and Willard, born on August 28, 1906.

Mathew and Mary Small, the parents of Tessie (Small) Ransom, were natives of Scotland and Ireland, respectively. Mary Frawley Small was the daughter of James and Margaret Frawley, natives of Ireland, who came to the United States when Mary was eleven years of age. They settled in Flushing township and here became prosperous farmers. Here they made their home until their death some years later. Mary was later married to

Mathew Small. After their marriage they located in Flint, where they died many years later. To Mathew and Mary Small were born the following children: William, who lives in the West; Tessie; Julia, the wife of John T. Ackerman, of Flint; Catherine, the wife of Guy Vickery, of Flint, and John Henry, of Flint.

JOHN CHASE.

John Chase, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Gaines township, this county, and former treasurer of that township, now living in the village of Gaines, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Argentine township, June 16, 1874, son of George W. and Sarah T. (Parker) Chase, the former of whom was born in Rochester, New York, and the latter at Sparta, this state. For years they were prominent and influential residents of Argentine township and the latter is still living on the old homestead there at a ripe old age.

George W. Chase was but a boy of sixteen years when he came to this state with his parents, the family settling in Argentine township, this county, among the early settlers of that locality. There George W. Chase grew to manhood and married Sarah T. Parker, who was but two years of age when her parents settled in Genesee county, where she grew to womanhood. After his marriage Mr. Chase established his home on a farm in his home township and there he spent the remainder of his life, a useful member of that community. He died on October 12, 1914, and his widow is still living on the old home place. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Frank H., a traveling salesman, who lives at Grand Rapids; Belle, widow of John D. Collins, of Argentine township, this county; George W., cashier of the Citizens Bank of Gaines and clerk of Gaines township; Robert, who continues to live on the old homestead in Argentine township, and Otto R., who is connected with the Grand Trunk Railroad at Detroit.

John Chase was reared on the home farm in Argentine township, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, after which for several years he was employed elsewhere. He then returned to the old home and for eleven years managed and operated the home place. In the meantime he had married and five years after his marriage bought a farm of

ninety-eight acres in section 30 of Gaines township, where he established his home and where he lived until March, 1916, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and he and his family moved to the village of Gaines, where they are now living and where they are very pleasantly situated. For some time Mr. Chase has been engaged in the drainage contracting business and has done much in that line to improve the drainage of that part of the county. He is a Democrat and for years has given close attention to the political affairs of his county, having served for some time as treasurer of Argentine township.

On November 23, 1904, John Chase was united in marriage to Minnie Groom, of Linden, this county, who was born there on April 27, 1878, and who was graduated from the high school there. To this union one child has been born, a daughter, Sarah H., born on September 30, 1905, who is now a student in the Gaines schools. Mrs. Chase is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Gaines and both she and Mr. Chase are members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. Mr. Chase is a member of Byron Lodge No. 80, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the local tent of the Knights of the Maccabees, of which latter order he has been lieutenant commander.

ARAL A. RIKER.

Aral A. Riker, former alderman from the first ward and a well-known merchant of Flint, grocer and druggist at No. 310 South Saginaw street, is a native son of Michigan, born in the village of Greenville, Montcalm county, April 14, 1866. He is the son of Jackson and Electa (Lockwood) Riker, both natives of Pennsylvania, who were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom but two are now living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Balas S. Riker, also a resident of Flint.

Jackson Riker was the eldest of the seven children born to his parents, Jackson Riker and wife, natives of Germany, who settled in Pennsylvania upon emigrating to this country, and there established their home and reared their family, their other children having been Matthew, John, Charles, Marcus, Delia and Annette. Grandfather Riker was a farmer. His wife died in Pennsylvania and he later moved to New York, where his last days were spent. The junior Jackson Riker was reared on a farm in Pennsylvania and upon the outbreak of the Civil War, which found him at Greenville, Michigan, he enlisted in the Union army and served for a little more than a year,



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when he was stricken with typhoid fever and was discharged on a physician's certificate of disability. After the war he again located at Greenville, where he engaged in farming and in building contracting. His wife died there in 1874, at the age of forty-two years. She was a daughter of John and Electa Lockwood, natives of Germany, who settled in Pennsylvania upon emigrating to this country and there spent the rest of their lives. John Lockwood and wife were the parents of nine children, Electa, Lucinda, Philanda, Matilda, Stephen, Eunice, John, Peter and Balas. Jackson Riker died at Grand Rapids in 1905, being then seventy-nine years of age.

Aral A. Riker lived at Greenville until he was ten years of age and then went to the neighboring village of Sheridan, where he lived for nine years, during which time he was variously engaged, working in saw-mills, shingle-mills and stores, presently becoming the manager of the general store of Fargo, Brackett & Company, his former employers in the saw-mill. On Christmas Eve, 1887, he arrived in Flint, with a view to making his home there, and has resided there practically all the time since. For eighteen months after his arrival at Flint he worked in the Flint Wagon Works and then engaged in the grocery business at Bancroft, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, in partnership with Hiram Beidelman. Ten months later he sold out to his partner and returned to Flint, where he was employed to drive the delivery wagon for the Hamilton grist-mill. Later he was engaged as a bookkeeper for James J. Hurley and after awhile began clerking in the W. C. Pierce grocery store and later for Partridge Brothers, wholesale grocers. He then engaged in the grocery business on his own account, setting up an establishment at No. 217 South Saginaw street, and was thus engaged for eleven years, at the end of which time he began working for George W. Pethabridge & Company and a little more than three years later brought his present grocery and drug store from Thomas Collins, in partnership with Fred Kelley. Four years later Mr. Riker brought his partner's interest in the store and has continued the business alone since that time. Mr. Riker is a Democrat and for two years served the city as alderman from the first ward.

On October 7, 1885, Aral A. Riker was united in marriage to Catherine Farrell, who was born at Flint, February 27, 1868, second in order of birth of the three children born to her parents, she having an elder sister, Eliza, and a younger brother, Edward. Both her parents, now dead, had been married previously, her father by his first marriage having had seven children, Dennis, John, Richard, Thomas, Matthew, Mary and Josephine, while to her mother's first marriage five children were born, John, George, James,

Mary and Theresa. To Mr. and Mrs. Riker five children have been born, namely: Edward F., a traveling salesman for the National Biscuit Company; Margaret E., who died at the age of seventeen months; Helen M., who married Carl W. Church, a hardware merchant at Detroit; Aral A., a graduate of the Flint high school, who is at home, and Winifred, who is attending St. Mary's College, at Monroe, this state. Mrs. Riker and the children are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Riker is a member of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in the affairs of both of which orders he take a warm interest.

JOHN P. RANSOM.

At an early period in his life John P. Ransom, a retired farmer of Flushing, Genesee county, mapped out his own career and has never depended upon others. His prosperity may be attributed to his earnest and persistent endeavor as well as to the fact that he has always consistently tried to follow the Golden Rule.

Mr. Ransom was born in the Township of Flushing, Michigan, February 18, 1859, and is a son of Robert C. Ransom, who was born in Genesee county, New York, June 23, 1821. The latter came to Michigan with his parents, Benjamin and Hannah (Persons) Ransom, in the year 1837, the family locating on a farm four miles east of Flushing. In 1845 he married Angeline Smith, a daughter of Simeon and Elizabeth Smith, pioneers of this locality. Angeline Smith was born in Orleans, Medina county, New York, October 24, 1825, and came to Genesee county, Michigan, with her parents in 1837, the family locating in Flushing. Her death occurred on August 8, 1901. Robert C. Ransom lived on the farm southwest of Flushing on section 33, after he was married, clearing eighty acres there, which he added to until he owned a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres in section 33 at the time of his death, which occurred on November 24, 1890. His family consisted of seven children, namely: Rauselor B. Ransom was born in Flushing, March 6, 1846, and died on September 19, 1915; he spent most of his life farming, but finally locating in the village of Flushing where he engaged in the farm implement business. When seventeen years of age he enlisted for service in the Civil War, joining the Fourth Michigan

Cavalry, in which he served until the close of the war. He was one of the soldiers who captured Jefferson Davis, the Confederate president. He was a charter member of Ransom Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Flushing, also belonged to the Masonic order here. Robert W. Ransom, born July 24, 1848, has devoted his active life to general farming, and is now living in retirement in the village of Flushing. Simeon Ransom, born on October 3, 1851, lives in Rico, Colorado, having been a resident of that section for the past forty years, and is interested in mining there. Marvin P. Ransom, born August 8, 1853, devoted his active life to general farming, but is now living in retirement in New Lathrop. Albert E. Ransom, born April 23, 1857, has long been editor of *Flushing Observer*, was formerly a well-known teacher and was the first school commissioner of Genesee county. John P. Ransom, of this sketch, was the next child in order of birth. Charles Ransom, youngest of the children, was born in January, 1867, and died in 1872, at the age of five years.

John P. Ransom was educated in the district schools, which he attended in the winter months, working on the home farm in the summer time. He was a schoolmate of Minnie O. Banning, whom he married on December 23, 1884. She was born at Adams Basin, New York, June 15, 1859, and is a daughter of Frederick G. Banning, who was born in Ogdentown, New York, October 8, 1826, from which country he removed with his family to Genesee county, Michigan, in 1864, locating on a farm in Clayton township, where he lived until his death, which occurred on January 30, 1880. He had a good seventy-acre farm here. During the Civil War he enlisted in the New York Volunteer Infantry, in which he served eighteen months and was discharged for disability. He married Louisa White, who was born in Stafford township, Genesee county, New York, May 17, 1824; she was married on May 17, 1849, and died March 2, 1915, having reached the advanced age of ninety-one years, lacking two months. She led an active life up to about two years before her death. To Frederick G. Banning and wife four children were born, namely: Frances, born August 1, 1851, married William Brey, both now deceased, her death having occurred on January 5, 1915; George W., born July 7, 1853, is a retired farmer and merchant of Reed City, Michigan; Minnie O., wife of Mr. Ransom of this sketch, and Ora L., born January 16, 1870, died on October 3, 1874.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ransom five children have been born, namely: Fay, who died in infancy; Arthur L., born April 30, 1887, is living on a farm in Flushing township; Charles F., born January 17, 1889, died October 13,

1915; Myrtle L., born December 25, 1894, married Max Graham, a traveling salesman of Detroit; Harold, born August 8, 1903, died in infancy.

After leaving school, John A. Ransom took up farming on the homestead, on which he remained until 1886, when he purchased forty acres in section 33, Flushing township. He later added to this until he had a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres and was actively engaged in general farming here until 1909, when he located in the village of Flushing, bought property and immediately built the residence in which he now lives. He also owns other real estate in Flushing and in Flint. He has been retired from active life since 1909. He has been a director for the past fifteen years in the Genesee County Mutual Farmers Fire Insurance Company, for which company he has also acted as agent.

Politically, he is a Republican. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Flushing and has passed all the chairs but master in the same.

FRANK D. BLOSS.

Among the enterprising men of affairs of Genesee county is Frank D. Bloss, of Swartz Creek, local agricultural superintendent of the Mt. Clemens Sugar Company. He has been an advocate of progress in all phases of life, progress at any price with honor, and, this being a fact, he has achieved pronounced success in his chosen field of endeavor, beginning early in life to advance himself and leaving no stone unturned whereby he might legitimately do so.

Frank D. Bloss was born in Saratoga county, New York, June 19, 1859, a son of Stephen and Mary (Daniels) Bloss, both also natives of that same county, where they grew up on farms and were married. There Stephen Bloss farmed a small place, in connection with which he operated a blacksmith shop. He left there on Christmas Day, 1864, moving his family to Michigan, and locating on a farm one mile west of Rankin in Mundy township, this county, living there until he sold out toward the latter part of his life, moving, in the fall of 1878 to a place south of the village, where he spent several years, then retired from active life and spent his last days in Swartz Creek. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom are still living, namely: Frank D., the subject of this sketch; Fred S., of Grand Blanc township; Atwood S., of Swartz

Creek; William A., of Swartz Creek, in Gaines township; Cora, the wife of Frank Rix, of Whigville, in Grand Blanc township; Cutler, who lives in Flint; Fannie, the wife of Wilfred Short, of Flushing, and David G., who lives in Swartz Creek.

Frank D. Bloss was reared on the home farm and attended the public schools of his community and the Flint high school. He "worked out" during vacations and taught during the winters for fifteen years in Mundy, Gaines and Flint townships. He later rented what is now the Genesee County Nursery's farm and in 1883 bought forty acres in Gaines township, where he engaged in farming until 1906, in January of which year he moved to Flint, where he continued to reside until in February, 1914, when he moved to the farm and later to Swartz Creek, where he now resides. Before leaving the farm Mr. Bloss became interested in the sugar-beet business, and took a position as field man with the Mt. Clemens Sugar Company, with which concern he remained for one year, acting as district manager. He then was connected with the Continental Sugar Company for one year as district manager, after which he returned to the former company, with which he is still connected. In 1910 he was made agricultural superintendent for this district and is discharging the duties of that position in a highly satisfactory manner.

On August 9, 1881, Frank D. Bloss was married to Eunice A. Storer, a daughter of Eben and Rosanna (Wilcox) Storer. When eleven years old, Eben Storer, who was a native of Connecticut, went to the state of New York, where he lived until about 1837, when he came with his brother to Michigan. They purchased eighty acres in Genesee county, near Flint, and put in a crop. Eben Storer later returned to New York, and while there married Rosanna Wilcox. In 1839 he returned to Michigan with his bride and settled on his farm in Flint township, Genesee county. There he prospered and later added to his original holdings until he had a good farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres on which he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring in September, 1889, and hers, in March, 1890. They were the parents of six children, namely: Cordelia, deceased, who was the wife of John Hite; Amelia, the wife of Luther Cutney, of Flint; George, who lives in Flint; Mary, the wife of Eugene M. Curtis, of Flint; Florence A., who lives in Flint, and Eunice, the wife of Mr. Bloss.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bloss two children have been born, Milo E. and Clare S. Milo E. Bloss received his education in the schools of Flint. He married Frankie Atherton and to that union one child was born, Marion F., who

is attending school in Swartz Creek. Mrs. Frankie Bloss died in February, 1915, and Milo E. Bloss later married Maggie Bookman. Clare S., the youngest son, married Clara May Bell, of Sage, Ogemaw county, this state. Both these sons are living on the old home place, which they operate, and which now comprises two hundred and fifty acres, known as the F. D. Bloss & Sons farm, in section 11, Gaines township, including the original "forty" in that township, and land in sections 10 and 14.

Politically, Frank D. Bloss is a Republican. He is a member of Genesee Lodge No. 144, Free and Accepted Masons; a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Gleaners, and both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, being charter members of Crystal Arbor Chapter at Swartz Creek, which was organized in 1898. Mrs. Bloss was supreme chaplain for the order in Michigan for eight years. Mr. Bloss was chief gleaner of the local lodge of Gleaners for four years, and both are well known and influential in fraternal circles.

WILLIAM A. HOSIE.

William A. Hosie, a well-known and well-to-do farmer and stockman, proprietor of "Maple Lawn Stock Farm" of one hundred and fifty-three acres in section 4 of Clayton township, on the Potter road, rural route No. 1, out of Flushing, and for years actively identified with the work of developing that part of the county, is a native son of Genesee county, born on the farm on which he now lives, and has lived there all his life. He was born on April 19, 1869, son of Archibald D. and Mary M. (Starr) Hosie, the latter of whom is still living on the old home place with her son and his family.

Archibald D. Hosie was born in Massachusetts on September 20, 1835, and was but a child when he came to Michigan with his parents, James and Mary Hosie, who spent their last days in Genesee county, substantial and influential pioneer residents of the Flushing neighborhood. James Hosie was born in Scotland on December 29, 1803, and became an expert at construction work. In 1828 he came to the United States and for some years thereafter was employed on construction work in the East, superintending the construction of several extensive jobs, even after coming to Michigan in the early days returning to New York City, where he superintended the construction of an important section of the Croton waterworks

in 1839. It was in 1835 that he and his brother, Andrew Hosie, came to the then Territory of Michigan and after prospecting a bit, pre-empted seven "eighties" in Flushing township, this county, James Hosie thus becoming one of the earliest settlers in this part of the state. In 1837 he brought his family out here from Massachusetts and established his home in the wilderness, proceeding to clear and develop his lands, soon becoming recognized as one of the most energetic and influential men in this part of the state, a large landowner and a director of various enterprises. There he and his wife spent their last days, honored and useful members of the community in which they lived. Of their sons, three, Andrew, James and John, were killed while serving in the Union army during the Civil War, two having been killed in battle, while the other was killed while on provost duty, having been slain by a deserter whom he was trying to arrest. Archibald D. Hosie grew to manhood on the pioneer farm in this county and after his marriage to Mary M. Starr settled on the quarter section, a part of his father's extensive holdings, in Clayton township, now owned and operated by his son, and brought the same to a high state of development, "Maple Lawn Stock Farm" long having been looked upon as one of the best farms in that part of the county. Archibald D. Hosie was a Republican, but never was a seeker after public office. He was a Presbyterian, a member of the church of that denomination at Flushing, and was for years a member of the board of trustees of the same. He died on April 14, 1906, and his widow still survives him, continuing to make her home on the old home place. The house in which she and her husband began housekeeping and where their children were born, is still standing on the farm, now being used as a farm building, long ago having been supplanted as a residence by a fine new house. Archibald D. Hosie and wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister, Ella, who died in March, 1906, about a month before the death of her father.

William A. Hosie grew to manhood on the paternal farm, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and in the high school at Flushing, and has ever remained on the home place, ever before the death of his father having worked with the latter in the practical management of the same. After his marriage in 1895 he established his home there and has continued to improve and develop the place. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has a fine herd of pure-bred Shorthorn cattle, besides large numbers of sheep and hogs, and has done very well. Mr.

Hosie is a Republican and has been treasurer of his school district since 1911.

It was on November 27, 1895, that William A. Hosie was united in marriage to Maggie A. Allward, who was born near London, Ontario, daughter of Robert and Catherine Allward, and who came to Michigan from Canada in her youth with her parents, the family settling in Saginaw county and later coming to Genesee county and settling in Flushing township, where she was living when she married Mr. Hosie. To that union two children have been born, Lloyd E., born on December 21, 1896, who finished his eighth-grade school work in the Flushing schools and later took a course in the Flushing high school and in a business college at Flint, and Archibald D., February 2, 1907. Mrs. Hosie died on September 29, 1913, and is buried in Flushing cemetery. Mr. Hosie is a member of the Baptist church at Flushing, one of the trustees of the same, and takes an earnest interest in all neighborhood good works. He is a member of the Order of the Loyal Guard at Flushing and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

CLARENCE A. CAMERON.

Clarence A. Cameron, well-known attorney-at-law at Flint and present court commissioner, is a native of Canada, but has lived in this section of Michigan since childhood. He was born on a farm fifteen miles east of the city of London, Ontario, January 2, 1867, son of Henry and Sophia (Lane) Cameron, both natives of Ontario, the latter of whom is still living, making her home in Montmorency county, this state.

Henry Cameron was the son of Alexander and Eliza (Lyons) Cameron, both natives of Ontario, who came to Michigan in 1866 and settled at Hazelton, in the neighboring county of Shiawasee, where they spent the rest of their lives. Alexander Cameron was a blacksmith as well as a farmer and was known as one of the best artificers in iron in this part of the state. He died at Hazelton in November, 1883, at the age of seventy-three years, and his widow survived until 1898, she being seventy-eight years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of thirteen children, Henry, Daniel, Nancy, Mary, Elizabeth, John, Wellington, Sarah, Emma, William, Alexander, Phoebe and one who died in infancy. Henry Cameron was trained as a carpenter, but later became a farmer. He married, in Ontario, Sophia Lane, daughter of James and Mary (Chilton) Lane, natives of Eng-



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land, who emigrated to Canada and located on a farm not far from Toronto, afterward moving to a farm near London, in Middlesex county, where they spent the remainder of their days. James Lane was seventy years of age at the time of his death and his widow lived to be fifteen years older, she having been eighty-five at the time of her death. They were the parents of five children; Reuben, Sophia, Thomas and two who died young. Some years after their marriage. Henry Cameron and wife and their small children came to Michigan and settled at Judd's Corners, in Shiawassee county, where Mr. Cameron engaged in the mercantile business and also owned a farm. He later moved to Atlanta and was engaged in business there until his retirement. He died in 1904, at the age of sixty-four years, not long after retiring from business. His widow, who still survives, is now living in Montmorency county. She was reared in the old Wesleyan Methodist faith, but in later life has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal church. Henry Cameron held various township offices and at one time was coroner of Montmorency county. He and his wife were the parents of six children, namely: James A., of New Ontario, Canada; Edward W., of Montmorency county, this state; Clarence A., the subject of this biographical sketch; Reuben T., of Flushing, this county; Mary E., now deceased, who was the wife of William Cole, now of Arizona, and Foster E., who lives in Montmorency county.

Clarence A. Cameron was but a child when his parents came to this state and he was reared on his father's farm in Shiawassee county, attending the district school, the Corunna high school and the Flushing high school, from which latter he was graduated, after which he engaged in the drug and grocery business at Flushing, building up a fine business, which he presently sold to his brother and then entered the University of Michigan in pursuance of a long-cherished design to engage in the practice of the law. He attended the law department of the university and was admitted to the bar in 1912. Almost immediately afterward he engaged in practice at Flint, where he ever since has been thus engaged, with offices in the Flint P. Smith building. Mr. Cameron is a Republican, has held various minor public offices and is at present serving as circuit court commissioner. He is a Royal Arch Mason, an Odd Fellow and an Elk and takes a warm interest in the affairs of these several fraternal organizations. Mrs. Cameron is a member of the Baptist church, and both she and Mr. Cameron take a proper interest in the various social and cultural activities of their home town.

On June 25, 1890, Clarence A. Cameron was united in marriage to Emma White, who was born in Flushing township, this county, August 31,

1866, daughter of the Rev. Joseph B. and Rebecca (Smith) White, both now deceased, who left six children, Mrs. Cameron having three brothers, Hulburt Oliver, William and Samuel, and two sisters, Martha and Abbie. Mrs. Cameron's maternal grandfather, John Smith, one of the early settlers of Genesee county, came here from Ohio and both he and his wife lived to ripe old ages. They had six children, Reuben, Andrew, James, Rebecca, Catherine and Jane. Her paternal grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania and spent all their lives in that state. To Mr. and Mrs. Cameron three children have been born, Eula Myrine, who married Raymond R. Williams and has one child, a son, Robert Cameron; Donald W., a graduate of the Flushing high school, who is now a draughtsman in the office of the Gray Motor Company at Detroit, and Ward A., at home. Mrs. Williams was graduated from the Flushing high school and the Flint high school, attended the Monroe Conservatory of Music and taught school for one year.

FRED H. LOWELL.

The man who has a reputation for big crops should study his farming to see if it will bear close critical inspection in its various details. Fred H. Lowell, of Thetford township, Genesee county, does this, and as a result he is a good general farmer. He was born in the above named township and county, September 6, 1880, and is a son of Henry and Sarah (Mason) Lowell, natives of Illinois and Canada, respectively. They came to Michigan when young and were married here, devoting their active lives to farming, and are now living retired in the village of Clio, Genesee county. To these parents eleven children were born, all living at this writing but one, namely: George, who died when twenty-four years old; Hattie, who was graduated from Ferris Institute and is now teaching in the Coldwater public schools; James R., who is farming on the old homestead; Edward S., who is a carpenter and lives at Highland Park, Detroit; Walter W., a laborer; Minnie, who is studying for a professional nurse in Grace Hospital in Detroit, Michigan; Bessie, who is attending Clio high school; Reuben, also a student in the Clio high school; Cecil, who is attending the public schools at Clio, and Fred H., of this sketch.

The subject of this review grew up on the home farm in Thetford township and received his education in the district schools, being graduated from the common schools, after which he taught a short time in Thetford town-

ship. He has since devoted his attention to farming and owns forty acres in Thetford township.

Mr. Lowell was married in February, 1913, to Pearl I. Atkin, a daughter of William and Effie (Hart) Farnum. She grew up in this county and was educated in the public and high schools. To this union one son has been born, Lawrence F. Lowell, whose birth occurred in 1915.

Politically, Mr. Lowell is a Republican and he was township treasurer for two years, being active in local party affairs.

JOHN F. QUICK.

The present popular and faithful postmaster at Swartz' Creek, Gaines township, this county, John F. Quick, hails from the old Keystone state, which has sent so many of her sterling citizens into the West which they have helped develop through their courage, enterprise and excellent ideals of citizenship. He was born in Carbondale, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1863, son of Francis and Mariah L. (Lake) Quick, the former of whom was born on a farm in Luzerne county, that state. When he was five years old, Francis Quick's father died and he was bound out to a miller to learn the millwright trade, and so spent his boyhood in a flour mill. He became a skilled millwright, which trade he followed for some time, then turned his attention to carpentering and finally to mercantile pursuits. He was also postmaster at Dunmore, Pennsylvania, for a few years. In 1878, John F. Quick being then fifteen years old, the family came to Michigan, locating in Gaines township, Genesee county, where the father worked some at his trade and there spent the rest of his life, dying in 1892, his widow surviving ten years, dying in 1902. They were parents of five children, two of whom reached maturity, John F., the subject of this sketch, and Almon S., who lives in the city of Flint. The mother was previously married twice, and had three children before her marriage with Francis Quick. Her first two husbands died in New York state, after which she moved to Pennsylvania with relatives and there met and married Mr. Quick. He, too, had been previously married and had two children by his first wife.

John F. Quick attended the public schools in Pennsylvania until he was fifteen years of age. About five years later he learned the painter's trade, which he followed more or less for twenty years, making his home in Gaines township, this county. After his marriage in 1889 he located on

his farm in section 23, Gaines township, where he continued to reside until appointed postmaster at Swartz Creek. July 1, 1915, the duties of which office he has since discharged in a highly satisfactory manner.

On March 20, 1889, John F. Quick was married to Belle Van Horn, a daughter of John Van Horn, of Gaines township. Mr. Quick is a Democrat and has long been active in local party affairs. He served as justice of the peace for four years and as township clerk for three years, filling these offices in an able and conscientious manner. He is charter member of Clayton Arbor Lodge of the Gleaners at Swartz Creek, and is also a member of Swartz Creek Lodge No. 458, Free and Accepted Masons, in the affairs of both of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

HORACE W. GILBERT.

Another honored pioneer citizen of Genesee county is Horace W. Gilbert, a retired farmer living in Swartz Creek, Gaines township, now in his eightieth year. During the sixty-four years that he has lived in this locality he has noted "many changes come over the face of the land," the country having been practically a wilderness when he came here, and talks interestingly of the early days. Horace W. Gilbert was born near Mt. Morris, New York, September 4, 1836, a son of Luther and Hannah (Wisner) Gilgert, both natives of New York state, where they grew up, were married and lived on a farm until 1852 when they came to Genesee county, Michigan, the father having made a previous trip here, purchasing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Genesee township, near Mt. Morris, later returning to his native state for his family. Here he cleared and improved his land and he and his wife spent the rest of their lives on it. Luther Gilbert was a Whig when a young man, and later a staunch Republican, though never sought or held public office. He was an active member of the Baptist church and a deacon in the same for years. His family consisted of six children, Horace W. being the youngest and the only present survivor.

Horace W. Gilbert was sixteen years old when he came to Genesee county, and he assisted his father clear the home place and establish the new home, remaining there until he was twenty years of age. In 1856 he began working at the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, becoming a skilled workman. He presently purchased one hundred and six acres of wild land which he cleared and improved into a good farm. The

place, now known as "Spring Brook Farm," lies in section 14, Gaines township. There Mr. Gilbert continued to reside until 1906, when he rented his farm and retired from active life, moving to the village of Swartz Creek, where he has since resided.

On July 4, 1858, Horace W. Gilbert was married to Mercy M. Rall, a daughter of Jacob Rall and wife, who came to Genesee county from the state of New York in 1837, being among the first settlers in Clayton township, where Mrs. Gilbert was born and reared. To Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert three children have been born, namely: Luther, who died in early life; Mary Jane, now deceased, who was the wife of J. D. Thompson, and Frederick H., who lives on the home place.

Mr. Gilbert is a Republican and served as treasurer of Gaines township for two years. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Swartz Creek and he has been a trustee of the same for years, also chorister for the past half century, and is still acting in this latter capacity. Mr. Gilbert has been one of the main pillars of this congregation for many decades and has always borne a most excellent reputation and is well known over the county. For six years he was a member of the board of directors of the Genesee Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

J. J. KURTZ, M. D.

Dr. J. J. Kurtz was born in Genesee township, this county, August 7, 1887, and is a son of Daniel and Nellie (Lapp) Kurtz, whose family consists of six children, namely: Grace, who has received a good education; Raymond, who was graduated from the Flint high school and from the Michigan Agricultural College in civil engineering, and now resides in Flint; Loron, who was also graduated in civil engineering; Dr. J. J., of this sketch; Clayton, who is farming in Genesee township.

Doctor Kurtz was reared on the home farm and educated in the Flint high school, then entered the college of liberal arts of Northwestern University, Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1910. He then entered the medical department of the same institution, from which he was graduated in 1914 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After spending one year as interne in a general hospital, he came to Otisville, Genesee county. He belongs to the Genesee County Medical Society, the Michigan Medical

Society and the American Medical Association, while his fraternal relations are with Ortonville Lodge No. 401, Free and Accepted Masons.

Doctor Kurtz was married, in September, 1913, to V. Pearl Stempson, who was graduated from Flint high school in 1908, also was graduated from the Genesee County Normal. She taught in the local schools four years.

GUSTAV F. SHUMAN.

Gustav F. Sherman, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of Clayton township, this county, owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on the Lennon road, rural route No. 8, out of Flint, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Frankenmuth township, Saginaw county, September 23, 1853, son of George M. and Margaret (Signor) Shuman, natives of Germany, whose last days were spent at Swartz Creek, in this county.

George M. Shuman was born in the town of Neuenburg and grew to manhood in his native land, becoming a locksmith and key-maker. When twenty-seven years of age, in 1851, he came to the United States and located at Detroit, where he worked at his trade for four years and where he married Margaret Signor, also a native of Germany. After their marriage George M. Shuman and his wife settled on a farm in Frankenmuth township, Saginaw county, where they lived for four years, at the end of which time they sold their place there and came to Genesee county, settling on a farm in Gaines township, where they lived until the time of their retirement from the active labors of the farm, when they moved to the village of Swartz Creek, where they spent their last days. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born and all of whom are living, the others being, Christina, who married John Thoma and now lives in Arkansas; Mary, wife of Peter Hens, of Gaines township, this county, and Louise, wife of George Williams, also living in Arkansas.

Gustav Shuman was but a child when he came to Genesee county with his parents and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Gaines township, remaining there after his marriage in 1879 for twelve years, at the end of which time he bought the quarter section on which he is now living in Clayton township and where he has lived ever since, he and his family being very pleasantly situated. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Shuman has given considerable attention to the raising of a good grade of live stock

and has done very well. He is a Democrat, and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has never been included in the office-seeking class. He is a member of the Clayton Grange and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

It was on January 1, 1879, that Gustav F. Shuman was united in marriage, by the Rev. J. B. Goss, to Amelia Dieck, of this county, who was born in Germany, daughter of Fred and Louisa (Ketzler) Dieck, who came to the United States with their family in 1873 and settled in this county, and to that union six children have been born, all of whom are living, namely: Alice, who was graduated from the Normal School at Fenton and later taught school for six years in her home township, then married Karl Shepard, of Clayton township, to which union five children have been born, Opal A., Beatrice M., Paul G. and Robert K. and Roberta A. (twins); Otto, who married Viola Rose and is farming in Clayton township, has one child, a daughter, Bernice E.; Albert, who is at Tampico, Mexico; Bertha, who is at home with her parents; Opal, who married John McNally, of Mundy township, this county, and has three children, Bernetia G., Theron R. and Jean A., and Charles, who married Lillie Nymphie and is living on the home place. Mr. and Mrs. Shuman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Swartz Creek and take a warm interest in the various beneficences of the same, as well as in all local good works.

S. F. BEACH.

It is not everybody that can make a success in the newspaper business. It is a field in which many enter, but in which few remain, the majority being compelled to drop out and turn their attention to something else, finding that they lack the proper initiative, news sense, courage, industry and perseverance to succeed. S. F. Beach, proprietor of the *Independent* at Fenton, this county, seems to possess the requisite innate qualities to win and retain a foothold in this arena.

S. F. Beach was born in Decatur, Michigan, October 19, 1878, a son of Orange and Florence (Lusk) Beach. The father died in 1902. Our subject was educated in the public schools of Decatur, where he grew to manhood. On June 6, 1901, he was united in marriage to Florence E. Gallbreach, and to their union two children have been born, Ruth and Robert.

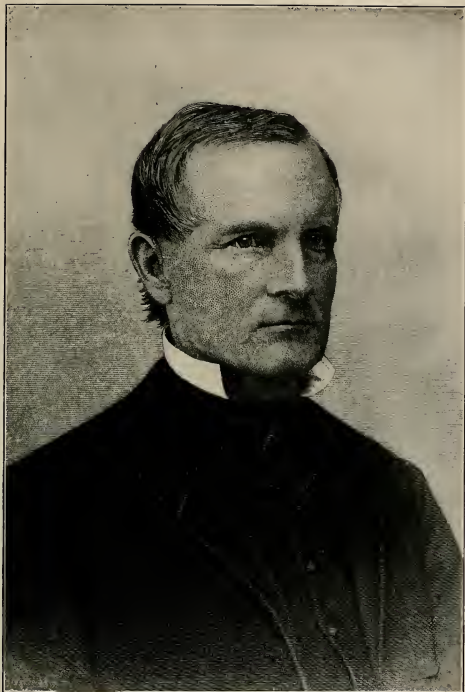
Mr. Beach began his career as newspaper man when but a boy, in the mechanical department of the *Decatur Republican* and in due course of time became foreman of that paper. On April 1, 1906, he purchased the *Fenton Independent*, and has made it one of the best weekly newspapers of its type in the state. He has greatly increased its circulation and improved its mechanical appearance. The *Independent* was established in a very early day by H. N. Jennings, who, with his son, J. H. Jennings, continued to publish it until selling out to Mr. Beach, who is now the sole owner. This paper is issued every Saturday.

Politically, Mr. Beach is a Republican and is active in party affairs. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JOSEPH BRUSH FENTON.

Joseph Brush Fenton, an honored veteran of the Civil War and for years prominently connected with the real-estate interests of Flint, with offices in the Fenton building, that city, is a native son of Genesee county, born in the town of Fenton, in the southern part of the county. That town took its name in honor of his father, Col. William M. Fenton, for years one of the most prominent residents of Genesee county. The date of the subject's birth was June 28, 1843. His parents, Col. William M. and Adelaide S. (Birdsall) Fenton, were born at Norwich, in Chenango county, New York, and were the parents of four children, of whom, J. Brush Fenton, the third in order of birth, is now the only survivor, the others having been Ada B., who was the wife of William B. McCreery, of Flint, for years prominent in the United States diplomatic service; Henry and Sarah R.

Col. William M. Fenton was the son of Joseph S. Fenton, a native of Norwich, New York, whose wife was a Brush. Joseph S. Fenton was a banker in the East and in the early days of the settlement of this section of Michigan came to Genesee county and settled at Fentonville, which had been Dibbleville, but was changed to Fentonville in honor of his son, who had preceded him to this part of the state. The name of the township in which it is situated was also changed to Fenton. From the very beginning of his residence there Joseph S. Fenton took a leading part in the general affairs of the community and for some time served as a member of the state Senate from this district. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom Colonel Fenton was the eldest, the others being as follow: J



Wm. W. Fenton

Brush, who died at the age of thirty years; Julia, who married Grant Decker; Lavinia, who married Benjamin Rockwell; Jennie, who married Samuel Lewis, a prominent citizen of Detroit, and Sarah F., who married Professor Sanborn, of Dartmouth College. Colonel Fenton's education was received in the East. When fourteen years of age he entered Hamilton College, with the class of 1826, and was graduated at the head of his class when eighteen years of age. He then followed the sea for four or five years, at the end of which time he returned home, married and came to this county, where he spent the rest of his life. His wife was a daughter of Judge James Birdsall, a native of New York, a lawyer and one-time member of Congress from his home district in New York, who later became a pioneer of this county and for years served as justice of the peace in Flint. Judge Birdsall and his wife, the latter of whom was a Steer, were the parents of nine children, namely: Adelaide S., wife of Colonel Fenton; Mrs. H. A. Dillaye, of Syracuse, New York; Mrs. Elizabeth Henry, who died in California; Mrs. Risbah Kellogg, of San Francisco; Mrs. Kate Johnson, of San Francisco; Henry, of New York state; Charles; Benjamin, who lived in Fenton, and Maurice, also of Fenton.

Colonel Fenton did not seriously take up the study of law until after coming to this county, although he had given some attention to that subject in college. Upon coming here he engaged in the mercantile and milling business in the village which afterward was given his name, but presently began the study of law, was admitted to the bar and moved to Flint, where he ever afterward made his home. In 1846 he was elected to the state Senate and in 1848 was elected lieutenant-governor of Michigan, serving four years. When the Civil War broke out he was commissioned major of the Seventh Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and later was commissioned by the governor to raise the Eighth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made colonel and at the head of which he went to the front, acting much of the time as brigadier-general and division commander. After about two years of service, during which he participated in a number of important battles, Colonel Fenton resigned his commission, in 1863, and returned to Flint, where he resumed his law practice. In 1864 he was the Democratic party's nominee for governor, but was defeated by Governor Crapo. He was elected mayor of Flint and in that official capacity did much to promote the growing interests of the town. When the fire department was reorganized he was appointed chief engineer to get the new system under way and during the department's first run after his appoint-

ment met with an accident that resulted in his death two days later, November 12, 1871, he then being sixty-three years of age. His wife had died a few years earlier, at the age of fifty-six. They were members of the Episcopal church and for years were among the leaders in local good works. Colonel Fenton was active in all movements having to do with the upbuilding of his home town and the Fenton building, which he erected in 1865, still stands, a useful monument to his memory. He was prominent in both Masonic and Odd Fellow circles and had served as grand commander of Knights Templar in Michigan.

J. Brush Fenton was about four years old when his parents moved from Fenton to Flint and in the latter city he grew to manhood. At the age of twelve years he entered Professor Nutting's Academy at Lodi Plains, near Ann Arbor, and from there went to Madison University at Hamilton, New York. Upon completing the academic course in the latter institution he entered Cazenovia Seminary, Cazenovia, New York, where he was pursuing his studies when the Civil War broke out. He hastened home and enlisted in his father's regiment, the Eighth Michigan, with which he served until honorably discharged in 1863 on account of disability due to wounds received in battle. During his service he acted as aide-de-camp under his father, Colonel Fenton, and Gen. O. M. Poe, and rose to the rank of first lieutenant. He participated in numerous important engagements, including the second battle of Bull Run, and it was at the battle of Chantilly, Virginia, that he received the wound which compelled his retirement from the service. After being wounded he was conveyed to Washington, where he was cared for in the house of Mr. Treadway, that afterwards was occupied by Mrs. Surratt, who was connected with the conspiracy to assassinate President Lincoln. So serious was his injury that for nine weeks he lay there without turning over. After his convalescence he returned to his home in Flint and presently engaged in the grocery and crockery business, his store being situated at the northeast corner of Saginaw and Kearsley streets. In the fall of 1867 Mr. Fenton took a trip through New Mexico and in the Rocky mountains region and finally settled at Wichita, Kansas, becoming one of the earliest settlers of that place, and there he lived until 1875. In the summer of 1874 he returned to Flint and was married there, but straightway returned to Wichita. Upon his return to Flint the next year, however, he made his permanent home there and has lived in that city ever since, his time being devoted to the general real estate business, in which he has been very successful. Mr. Fenton is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres in Mt. Morris township, but has always made his home

in town. He is a Democrat and gives thoughtful attention to local political affairs, but has never been a seeker after public office.

On June 30, 1874, J. Brush Fenton was united in marriage to Mary V. Thayer, who was born at Flint, daughter of Artemas and M. Louise (Miles) Thayer, natives of New York state, the latter of "Mayflower" descent, and early settlers at Flint, where their last days were spent. Artemas Thayer was a prominent attorney at Flint in his day and was noted as a builder, it being said that he erected more houses during his residence in the town than any other man there during that period. He and his wife were the parents of five children, Floy, Paris, Mary V., Edward M. and Herbert A.

To J. Brush and Mary V. (Thayer) Fenton four children were born, as follow: Adelaide, who died at the age of nine years; Mary L., who married Donald M. McCall, of Muskegon, this state, and has two children, Donald F. and William T.; Virginia B., who married William H. Davison, of Flint, and died in 1915, leaving two children, daughters, Mary Thayer and Louise Richmond; and Louise T., who married Fritz R. Miller, of Flint, and has two children, William Fenton and Virginia Frances. Mr. and Mrs. Fenton also reared another girl child, Mary Louise, now the wife of James Martin, cashier of the Genesee County Bank at Flint. Mrs. Fenton died in November, 1912, at the age of sixty-one years. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Fenton is an attendant. Mr. Fenton is a member of the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and is a member of Governor Crapo Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the affairs of both of which patriotic organizations he takes a warm interest.

HON. LEVI WALKER.

Hon. Levi Walker was born in Granville, Washington county, New York, December 28, 1803. His parents were Josiah Walker and Jemima Tanner, his wife. So near was his birthplace to the border line of Vermont that he often playfully said he was partly a Green Mountain boy. While he was but a child, his parents removed to Sumner Hill, Cayuga county, New York. He was partly educated at Homer Academy and finished his course at Fairfield Institute in Herkimer county. Having completed his literary studies, he began reading law with Judge Reid at Homer, and also read with William J. Bacon, of Utica, New York. In early boyhood he exhibited the thirst for knowledge which characterized him through life. For many years

it was his custom always to have a book with him when riding or walking, from which he was memorizing. He began the practice of law in Genoa, New York, in 1835. He subsequently removed to Auburn, New York, and entered into a law partnership with Hon. George H. Rathbone, then a member of Congress. He was associated with Hon. William H. Seward as counsel in the memorable defense of the insane negro murderer, Freeman, to which Charles Francis Adams made eloquent reference in the Seward memorial services.

Mr. Walker was, while yet a young man, the editor of a paper at Brockport, New York, where he wielded a trenchant pen in the interest of what was then called the "National Republican party." It was the first anti-slavery paper published in New York.

In 1837 Mr. Walker was married to Louise Bigelow Meech, daughter of Cyperian and Polly (Hanchett) Meech. Mrs. Walker was a niece of Gen. Jonathan Woodbridge. Her grandfather, who was a lieutenant in the French and Indian War, also kept tavern in Worthington, Massachusetts, where General Burgoyne was brought while being taken as a prisoner to Boston.

In 1847 Mr. Walker removed to Flint, where, ten years before, his brothers, Stiles, James B. and Henry C., had preceded him and where he resided until the time of his death. He early became actively identified with all business, educational and social interests of the growing town. For twenty consecutive years next preceding his death he had been a member of the school board of Flint. In this capacity his sound judgment, his practical sense and his far-seeing wisdom were conspicuous. He looked upon education for the masses as the bulwark of our political and social institutions and the splendid school system of Flint, with its resulting excellent schools, is, in an important sense, the work of his peculiar genius.

Mr. Walker was a member of the Presbyterian church and for years served as elder and trustee. Thoroughness, exactness and clearness of perception were his distinguishing traits. As a lawyer he stood in many respects at the head of his profession. A sensitive conscience and a high sense of personal honor kept him free from that peculiar weakness that sometimes appertains to practitioners. An opinion by Mr. Walker was considered almost conclusive on any law point. He held the office of justice of the peace for many years and in that capacity was conspicuous for his clearness and justice. He drafted the first charter of the city of Flint, as well as the charter in force at the time of his decease, and was the author of the articles of association of the Genesee County Agricultural Society, of the Flint

Driving Park Association, the Glenwood Cemetery Association and the construction of the Flint City Gas Light Company. Indeed, there is scarcely anything in the recorded history of the city which does not bear the impress of his well-disciplined mind.

Mr. Walker and Artemus Thayer were the leading spirits in establishing Glenwood Cemetery as a beautiful burying place. In 1872 he was elected to the state Legislature, where his force of character and superiority were soon manifest. As chairman of the important committee of state affairs, he seems to have given his personal attention to every subject that came before it. He included in committee reports a statement of the bill reported on and the reason for the disposition made of it by the committee. In many cases this entailed considerable labor, yet in almost, if not quite, every instance, it was performed by Mr. Walker himself, in whose handwriting the report appeared. Two of the most frequent applications made to a legislature are for the changing of names and for the appropriation of non-resident highway taxes for the construction of state roads. Trifling as they may seem to be, they consumed considerable time and upon these subjects, among others, Mr. Walker submitted elaborate reports, which are likely to settle, or at least guide, legislative action upon them for the future. He came to be regarded as, with few if any exceptions, the soundest thinker in the House and was considered the foremost leader of that body. His views upon any subject were carefully and eagerly listened to.

There is no doubt that Mr. Walker's death was the result of the excessive labor which he imposed upon himself in his earnest interest for the welfare of the state. He died at Lansing on April 26, 1873, retaining absolute reliability of mind until his last moment. His last act was to affix his signature to his will, dictated but a few minutes before his dissolution. Death came unexpectedly, but found his soul ready to test the future life, in which he had implicit faith.

Governor Charles H. Cromwell, the speaker of the House that year, said: "It is no exaggeration to say that in the death of Mr. Walker this House has lost one of its best and ablest members. He was remarkable for those peculiar powers necessary for a thorough and just analysis of all questions submitted to him for consideration. Shrinking from no labor, with watchful attention to every detail, he was never satisfied until he had thoroughly mastered his subject. Then, with clearness of argument and aptness of illustration, he presented his views, almost invariably to receive the sanction and approval of his associates."

Mr. Walker was survived twenty-two years by his widow, who died

in 1895, aged eighty-four years. She was a woman of remarkable intellectual power and achievement and retained her brilliancy of mind until life's close. She was very patriotic and performed most efficient service in the Soldiers' Aid Societies. Her heart and soul were in the work of sending supplies to the soldiers. The day following the first disaster at Bull Run she called the first meeting of ladies to her house to scrape lint and make bandages to send to the battle lines. Her interest and labor never failed while there was a soldier to care for.

Mrs. Walker's family was an interesting group. One daughter, Flora Louise, died when a small girl. Her son, George Meech, died in 1905. He had succeeded his father as justice of the peace, which office he held consecutively for more than twenty-five years. Few of his decisions were reversed in higher courts. One daughter, Helen Victoria, remained at the old homestead until her recent death. In the literary and intellectual life of Flint she had much influence. She was the only surviving president of the Ladies' Library Association, being the only young lady who was honored with that position. She had been closely identified with the Columbian Club and was its first president, holding the place for several years. Her church and Sunday school work was of wide range and deep effectiveness.

So passeth one generation and another cometh that the fulness may remain.

MERRITT A. CROSSMAN.

Genesee county has been a good enough place for Merritt A. Crossman to spend his life, and since he was a boy, more than half a century ago, he has noted many great and important changes take place here. For many years he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits in Richfield township, but is now engaged in the produce business at Otisville. Merritt A. Crossman was born in the above-named township and county on October 27, 1851, a son of Aaron and Lydia (Dibble) Crossman, pioneer settlers of this locality. The father was born in Vermont, reared on a farm, and there married Lydia Dibble, after which he and his wife came to Michigan, settling in Genesee county when fewer than half a dozen buildings constituted what is now the city of Flint, the country hereabout then being a vast stretch of primeval forest. Aaron Crossman purchased one hundred and twenty acres of timber land—school land, which he cleared by hard work and placed under improvements, building a primitive home. At that time only three

families lived within the present bounds of Richfield township. He and his wife spent the rest of their lives on that farm. Eleven children were born to them, of whom the subject of this sketch was the youngest.

Merritt A. Crossman grew up amid pioneer surroundings, worked hard on the home farm, and received a limited education in the early-day district schools, and early in life started out for himself as a farmer. He now owns one hundred and thirty-five acres of valuable and well-improved land adjoining Otisville, where he carried on general farming and stock raising until 1905, in which year he turned his attention to the produce business, which has since claimed his attention, and he has enjoyed a large trade at his well-stocked store in Otisville.

Merritt A. Crossman was married, first, to Lydia Matthews, whose death occurred in 1876. He subsequently married Julia Davis, who lived but a few months thereafter. He is now living with his third wife, who was Ellen Wills before her marriage. Four children were born to his first marriage, namely: Blanche, who is the wife of Charles Andrews, of Detroit; William, who lives on the home place; Aaron W., who lives in Detroit, and Arthur C., of Flint.

After his first marriage Mr. Crossman continued to live on his father's farm and a few years later purchased the same, but later sold it and bought a farm in Forest township on which he lived two years, at the end of which time he bought his present place at Otisville. Like his father before him, Mr. Crossman has been a life-long Democrat and has been more or less active in the councils of his party. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county and has ever given a good citizen's attention to all movements designed to advance the common welfare hereabout.

WILLIAM A. LAKE.

In pioneer days when farming implements were of the crudest kind, requiring a goodly supply of both muscle and grit to use them to advantage, brawn, more than brains, was needed in the business of farming, in order to rescue the fertile soils from the wilderness and wild prairie growth. But today the successful farmer must use his wits more than his physical prowess to succeed as a farmer. William A. Lake is one of Genesee county's successful farmers on a small scale. He was born in Jackson county, Ohio, November 24, 1859, and is a son of John and Mary (Crull) Lake. He

grew up in the Buckeye state and there received such education as the district schools afforded, working on his father's farm in the summer months. In the spring of 1881 he came to Genesee county, locating in Gaines township, working out by the month at farm work here and in Shiawassee county. Saving his earnings, he purchased, in 1890, the eighty-acre farm on which he now lives in Gaines township and here he has made a comfortable livelihood, living here twenty-six years continuously.

Mr. Lake was married on September 6, 1889, to Jane Borst, a daughter of William Henry Borst, a pioneer settler of Gaines township. To this union two children have been born, namely: Ray is engaged in farming in Gaines township; Clara is the wife of Frank Smith and they live in Durand, Michigan.

Politically, Mr. Lake is a Republican, but has never been active in public affairs. Fraternally, he belongs to the Grange at Gaines.

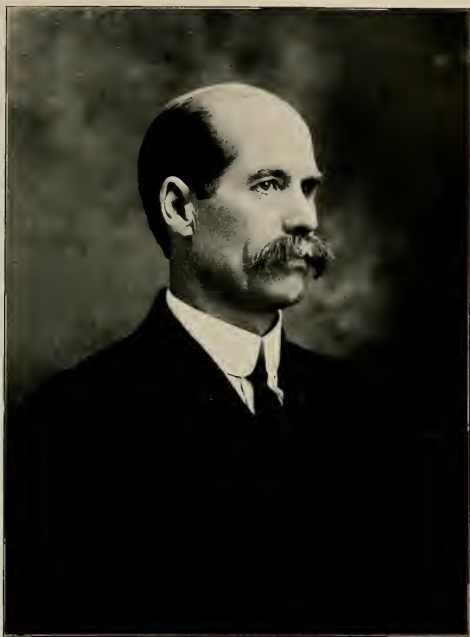
ROBERT BRADLEY.

One of the foreign-born citizens of Genesee county, who has stamped the impress of his strong individuality upon the minds of the people of this locality, is Robert Bradley, the present efficient mayor of the town of Linden.

Mr. Bradley was born at Oxford, Canada, August 31, 1860, and is a son of Robert and Margaret (Reany) Bradley. His grandfather was a native of Ireland, where he spent his life with the exception of a few years in Scotland, where the father of the subject was born. The latter was reared and educated in Ireland. He came to Canada when eighteen years of age and located in Oxford, where he spent the rest of his life. His wife, mother of the subject, was a native of Ireland. They were members of the Presbyterian church. They were parents of the following children: Agnes, deceased; William, Archie, Mary, Robert, Jr., Ephraim, and Edith, deceased.

Robert Bradley, of this sketch, spent his boyhood in Canada and attended the public schools there. He came to Genesee county, Michigan, in 1880. When a boy he learned the blacksmith's trade, in which he became highly skilled, following this line of endeavor until 1906, when he located on a farm of one hundred acres near Linden, on which he has since resided and is still engaged in general farming.

Mr. Bradley was married in 1885 to Anna Warren, whose death oc-



Robert Bradley

curred on May 19, 1913, at the age of forty-four years. To this union two children were born, namely: Preston, who married Grace Thayer Wilkins, and Beulah, who married Russell Judson, and they have one child, Jean Elizabeth Judson.

Mr. Bradley is a Democrat and has been active in the affairs of his party for some time. He was village clerk a number of years ago and was a member of the council for a period of eight years. He is now mayor of Linden, which office he has held about one year. He is also president of the school board. As a public servant he has ever discharged his duties in an able, conscientious and commendable manner, and has done much toward the general upbuilding of Linden. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an exceptionally well-read man, keeping up with current opinion on all lines of general public interest.

JAMES W. MISNER.

The man who gains success in this age of materialism is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that come in his path—seize them at the right time and use them properly. To do so requires innate tact, keen discrimination and sound judgment. One of the successful business men of Genesee county is the pioneer merchant, James W. Misner, of Otisville.

James W. Misner was born on a farm in Norfolk county, Ontario, Canada, December 29, 1848, a son of William and Joan (Smith) Misner, both of Scotch and English descent and both born and reared in Canada. After their marriage William Misner and wife lived on a farm in their native locality until in 1858, when they sold out and came to Michigan, settling in Forest township, Genesee county, where William Misner purchased forty acres of woodland. While developing his own place he and his family lived on the Dirr farm in that vicinity, which they rented for a number of years. William Misner finally cleared and developed his own farm and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of the children, seven of whom are still living.

James W. Misner was ten years of age when his parents came to this county and he grew up on the home farm, receiving his education in the district schools. He remained at home until his marriage on May 3, 1872, to Mary Ann Craig, who was born in Lapeer county, Michigan, a daughter of Robert and Mary Craig. After his marriage James W. Misner bought

a farm of twenty acres on which he lived a number of years, working in saw-mills and in the lumber woods during the winter months. He worked as a shingle sawyer in the mills for several summers and finally sold his farm and rented a large farm in Marathon township, Lapeer county, on which he spent eleven years, at the end of which time he bought a small farm in that township, on which he spent two years. He then returned to Genesee county and located at Otisville, where he clerked for Stringer & Osban for fourteen years and was also connected with the local elevator for twelve or fifteen years. In the fall of 1915 Mr. Misner bought a half interest in the store of P. L. Laing at Otisville, since which time the firm has been Laing & Misner.

To Mr. and Mrs. Misner nine children have been born, namely: Robert, who died when four years of age; Wallace, who died when fourteen months of age; Ethel, the wife of Alfred Ward, of Flint; Elsie, the wife of Ronald Laing, of Otisville; Charlie, who lives in Grand Haven; Mary, the wife of Sherman Gale, of Long Lake; Mabel is employed by Veaton Davison, as a bookkeeper and lives in Flint; Lennie, the wife of Bert Bristol, of Flint; Amanda, the wife of John Barden, a farmer, of Otisville, and Paul, who is still in school.

Politically, Mr. Misner is a Democrat. He served as township clerk for a period of eight years, was president of the village of Otisville for two terms and has also served on the village council thirteen years. He is a member of Otisville Lodge No. 401, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Episcopal church, of which he has been treasurer and a member of the board of trustees for a number of years.

OTIS G. HIBBARD.

The business of farming comprises among many other points the consideration of what crops to grow, how to grow them to the best advantage, whether for sale or for use on the farm. It brings out more than anything else the business acumen of the farmer, and is more or less the very keynote to success or failure. A successful farmer of Mundy township, Genesee county, is Otis G. Hibbard, who was born in Gaines township, this county, August 31, 1865, a son and only child of Albert and Sophronia (Barnum) Hibbard. Albert Hibbard was born at Sodus Bay, New York, where he spent his boyhood, being thirteen years old when he came with

his parents, Ambrose Hibbard and wife, to Michigan, the family locating on a farm in Mundy township, Genesee county, renting the old Mack Thompson place for three years. Then Ambrose Hibbard, who was born on April 5, 1809, bought eighty acres in Fenton township, where the family lived a number of years, then moved to near the outskirts of the town of Flint, where Ambrose Hibbard spent the rest of his life, dying on December 20, 1892.

Albert Hibbard married Sophronia Barnum, a native of the state of New York, from which she removed with her parents to Genesee county, Michigan, in 1854, about one year after the Hibbards came. After his marriage, Albert Hibbard located on the old Woodhall place in Fenton township, which he rented, later moving to Tyrone township, Livingston county, where he bought forty acres, just across the line from Genesee county, and lived there eight years; then lived on various farms until late in life when he came to live with his son, Otis G., where his death occurred September 30, 1914, his wife following him to the grave five weeks later, November 8, 1914.

Otis G. Hibbard grew to manhood on the farm and received a common school education. On February 3, 1887, he married Cora E. Cox, a daughter of John and Martha (Hill) Cox, and a native of Fenton township, Genesee county. Her parents were both born and reared in England, from which country they came to America with their respective parents in their youth, the mother of Mrs. Hibbard being but ten years old at the time of her arrival in this country. Her family located in Washtenaw county, Michigan. John Cox was twenty years old when he came to Michigan, locating in Mundy township, Genesee county. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are now living in Linden, Fenton township. Six children were born to them, four of whom grew to maturity, namely: John H., who is a traveling salesman and lives in Fenton, Michigan; Cora E., wife of Mr. Hibbard; Clayton R., who is assistant superintendent of the Saginaw, Flint & Bay City Railroad Company, and lives at Saginaw, and Mabel E., the wife of Gordon W. Osborn, of Flint.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard three children have been born, namely: Glen B., who lives on the home farm, married Luella Brown, and has one child, Laverne D.; Clifford Ross, who lives in Grand Blanc township, married Sarah Williams, and has two children, Arthur and Esther and Ivah G., who is still in school. Politically, Mr. Hibbard is a Republican.

Mr. Hibbard first rented the place on which he now lives many years,

then bought it. It consists of one hundred and ten acres, in Mundy township, five and one-half miles from Flint, and is known as the "Maple Valley Farm." He is carrying on general farming and stock raising successfully, handling a good grade of live stock of all kinds.

CALVIN D. BEECHER.

Calvin D. Beecher, one of the best-known and most progressive farmers, stockmen and orchardists of Clayton township, this county, owner of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in section 10 of that township, on the Beecher road, rural route No. 1, out of Flushing, is a native son of Genesee county, born on the farm on which he now lives, and has lived in this county all his life. He was born on January 8, 1869, son of Norman A. and LaVerna L. (Billings) Beecher, both natives of the state of New York, who came to Michigan in the latter fifties and spent the rest of their lives in this county.

Norman A. Beecher was born at Owego, the county seat of Tioga county, New York, in 1830, and grew to manhood on a farm in that county, becoming a school teacher, teaching during the winters and farming during the summers. His work as a teacher took him to Albion in Orleans county, that state, and there he married LaVerna L. Billings, who was born at that place. For two or three years after their marriage he and his wife made their home on a farm in Orleans county and then, in 1857, came to Michigan and settled in Genesee county. Norman A. Beecher and his brother bought a farm of eighty acres in Clayton township, a part of the farm on which the subject of this sketch now lives, and there the former established his home, after awhile buying his brother's interest in the place and adding to the same until he became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres. For several winters after coming here Norman A. Beecher taught school in Clayton and Flushing townships, meantime continuing to improve and develop his farm, becoming one of the substantial and influential farmers of that neighborhood. His wife died in 1874, leaving two sons, Elbert L., now a well-known resident of Flushing, and the subject of this sketch. Not long afterward Mr. Beecher returned to his old home in New York and there he married Marcella A. Wood, daughter of Colonel Wood, and returned to his home in this county, where he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1892. His widow still survives him and is now making her home with her

daughters in Detroit. To that union two daughters were born, Nellie A., who married Dr. C. C. Goods, of Detroit, and Fannie H., who married Dr. V. L. Smith, also of Detroit.

Calvin D. Beecher was reared on the paternal farm, receiving his elementary education in the district school, supplementing the same by a course in the high school at Flushing and later took a course in the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing. When twenty-three years of age he married and established his home on a farm of eighty acres he had bought in section 5 of his home township and there he and his wife lived for seven years, or until 1899, when he bought his father's old home place, where they ever since have made their home and where they are very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. In addition to his general farming and stock raising, Mr. Beecher gives considerable attention to the cultivation of apples and has a fine orchard of sixteen acres. He is a Republican and was inspector of schools in his home township for two years.

On November 23, 1892, Calvin D. Beecher was united in marriage to Lura Penoyer, who also was born in this county, daughter of Rufus J. and Emerett (White) Penoyer, both natives of this county, members of pioneer families. Mr. and Mrs. Beecher take an earnest interest in the general social activities of their home community and are helpful in advancing all good causes thereabout. Mr. Beecher is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, a member of the "blue" lodge and the chapter at Flushing and of the commandery at Flint, while both he and his wife are members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Flushing and of the Grange at that place. He also is a member of the local "tent" of the Knights of the Maccabees at Flushing and in the affairs of all these organizations takes a warm interest.

MARTIN B. VAN SLYKE.

Martin B. Van Slyke, a farmer and stockman, of Flint township, was born in Genesee county on October 28, 1841, the son of William and Elizabeth (Rogers) Van Slyke, natives of Genesee county, New York, where they grew to manhood and womanhood and were married and where their children were born. In 1836 William Van Slyke and family left their native state and proceeded by boat to Detroit and thence by wagon to Flint, where they remained but a short time, the present farm of Martin B. Van Slyke then being purchased and the family taking up their residence there. That

was the home of William and Elizabeth Van Slyke until their death, the former dying in 1874 and the latter in 1902.

William and Elizabeth Van Slyke were the parents of nine children, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Frank, of Flint township; Martha, of Bay City, widow of William Needham; Julia, deceased, who was the wife of Walt E. Leesley; Sarah, wife of Herman Sheldon of Flint township; Amelia, wife of Lyman Boomer, of Flint; Mary, wife of Eugene Wright, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Hattie, wife of Aaron Williams, of Clio; William, and Eliza, deceased, who was the wife of Allen Clarke, of Flint.

Martin B. Van Slyke was reared on the home farm and was educated in the schools of Flint township. He remained at home until 1867 when he went to the copper mines of northern Michigan, where he spent five years. In 1871 he returned home for a year, after which he spent three years in the West, working on farms. He then again returned to the old home and purchased the farm. In September, 1873, Mr. Van Slyke was married to Lucena Sweet, of Burton township.

Martin B. Van Slyke and wife are the parents of three children: William, who is a graduate of the Flint high school and makes that city his home; Mix, a graduate of the normal school, who is still at home, and Stella, who also is at home with her parents.

Fraternally, Mr. Van Slyke is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as is his son Mix, both members of Friendship Lodge No. 24, of which Mr. Van Slyke has been a member since 1868. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take much interest in all church work. Politically, Mr. Van Slyke is a Democrat and has served his township as treasurer and road supervisor for a number of years.

EGGLESTON BROTHERS.

Lyman and Jasper Eggleston, two prominent and successful farmers of Genesee county, residing five miles southwest of Flint, are the sons of John D. and Marilda (Beecher) Eggleston.

In 1837, John D. Eggleston and family left their home in the state of New York and came to this county, locating in Flint township, where they purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land. They lived there for a short time, after which they sold the farm and purchased another of forty

acres, a few miles south, where Lyman and Jasper Eggleston now reside. It was there that the father and mother made their home until their death, John D. Eggleston dying on November 28, 1892, and Mrs. Eggleston, June 30, 1894.

John D. Eggleston and wife were the parents of the following children: Lyman; Martha, the widow of George Dye, resides in Flint township; Mary, who resides in Flushing, the widow of Charles L. Packard; Chauncey J., who died in 1911; Sarah A., wife of Robert Knight of Maple Grove township, Saginaw county; Jasper; Marilda, who died at the age of six years; A. Delera, the wife of John H. Carey, of Flint township; Clarence, who died at the age of eleven months; Anna M., the wife of William Goodu, of Flint, and Etta R., who died on January 9, 1903, the wife of Robert Noble.

At the time John D. Eggleston and family came to this county, John A. Eggleston, the father, came with them and located in Flint township, where he purchased five hundred acres of land and where he made his home for a number of years.

Lyman Eggleston was born in Yates township, Orleans county, New York, November 21, 1836, and came with his parents to Michigan when but one year old. Lyman and Jasper Eggleston received their education in the district school and grew to manhood on the home farm. The boys of the family remained together until they had two hundred and forty acres of well developed and improved land. The farm was then divided. Lyman and Jasper remaining together, while Chauncey farmed alone for a short time and then moved to Flint, where he died on April 30, 1914.

On January 7, 1889, Jasper Eggleston was married to Mary Ellen Garey, the daughter of John and Nora (Moore) Garey, of Saginaw. To this union two children have been born, Blanche Anna and John Elmer. Blanche, who was born on February 6, 1890, after completing her schooling, married Robert J. Ferguson, of 512 Asylum street, Flint. John Elmer Eggleston was born on January 10, 1892. He completed the common-school course, after which he took a special course in banking, at the Baker Institute and is now with the Buick Company at Flint.

John Garey, father of Mrs. Eggleston, came to Michigan from Canada. He had grown to manhood in Canada and there met and married Nora Moore, a native of Ireland, who left her native home when but nine years of age. Soon after their marriage they came to Michigan and located in Calhoun county. John Garey died in Saginaw county, in June, 1875. Mrs. Garey died in Grand Rapids on November 28, 1911. John Garey and wife were the parents of the following children: John, of Gladstone, Michigan;

Edward H., of Saginaw; Michael, who lives in Idaho; Mary Ellen, wife of Jasper Eggleston; Frank, of California; Joseph, who died in 1889, and William, who died in Saginaw in December, 1904.

Fraternally, Lyman and Jasper Eggleston are members of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons, and Jasper Eggleston is a Knight Templar, a member of the commandery at Flint. Politically, they are affiliated with the Democratic Party and Lyman Eggleston has served as treasurer of the township for two years and as highway commissioner for five years.

CHARLES S. MOTT.

Charles Stewart Mott, president of the Weston-Mott Company of Flint, president of the Industrial Savings Bank of that city, former mayor of Flint, and for some years past one of the most conspicuous figures in the commercial and industrial life of that city, is a native of New Jersey, born in the city of Newark, that state, June 2, 1875. He is a son of John C. and Isabella Turnbull (Stewart) Mott, the former a native of New York and the latter of New Jersey. John C. Mott and wife were the parents of two children, Charles S., and Edith Stewart, who became the wife of Herbert E. Davis and is now living at Glen Ridge, New Jersey. John C. Mott died in 1899, at the age of forty-nine years, and his widow is now living at Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

Until he reached the age of thirteen years, Charles S. Mott attended the public schools and then entered Stevens School at Hoboken, New Jersey; at the age of seventeen he entered the Stevens Institute of Technology. After finishing his sophomore year, in August, 1894, at the age of nineteen years, he went abroad and for a year pursued the study of zymotechnology and chemistry at Copenhagen and Munich, with a view to taking an active part in his father's business, the latter having been an extensive maker of cider and vinegar. Upon his return to America he re-entered the Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, from which he was graduated in 1897. The next year, upon the breaking out of the Spanish-American War, he enlisted in the naval arm of his country's defense, receiving rating as gunner's mate, and served throughout that brief but decisive conflict on board the United States ship "Yankee," being honorably discharged at the end of the war. In 1894 he entered the naval militia of New York and received his discharge as chief gunner's mate in 1900. Amply equipped by reason of



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his technical training, Mr. Mott, in 1897, engaged in business with his father, under the firm name of C. S. Mott & Company, in the manufacture of carbonators. In 1900, the year following the death of the elder Mott, the plant was moved to Utica, New York, and there was merged with that of the Weston-Mott Company, which had been organized in 1896 and of which Mr. Mott was even then a director, the chief output of that concern having been axles, hubs and rims. With the rapid development of the automobile industry, beginning about that time, the business of the Weston-Mott Company grew with phenomenal rapidity and it presently became advisable to move the plant to a point more nearly the center of the automobile trade; consequently, in 1907, the present great plant of the Weston-Mott Company was established at Flint and has ever since been one of the chief industries of that city. The plant comprises seven large factory buildings, with an aggregate floor space of four hundred thousand square feet; the company is capitalized at one million, five hundred thousand dollars and carries more than two thousand persons on its pay-roll, the products of the factory now being sold in all parts of the world.

Not long after locating in Flint, Mr. Mott became one of the organizers of the Industrial Savings Bank of Flint and was elected president of the same, a position he has since occupied. This bank was primarily organized as an institution for the benefit of the industrial community. Its north end branch is housed in a modern two-story brick structure opposite the Weston-Mott factories, at the corner of Hamilton and Industrial streets, while its Fairview branch is located on St. Johns street, in the foreign district. It has a capital of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with a surplus of over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Owing to the rapid growth of the business of the Industrial Savings Bank, it became necessary, in the spring of 1913, to move its main office to the E. P. Smith building on Saginaw street. Mr. Mott is also a member of the board of directors of the Genesee County Savings Bank; is a director of the Flint Sandstone and Brick Company, of which concern he is secretary and treasurer; is vice-president and director of the Buick Motor Company, and is also connected with the directorates of the Copeman Stove Company, the Sterling Motor Company of Detroit, the General Motors Company, being a member of its executive committee, and the Brown-Lipe-Chapin Company, of Syracuse, New York. In the spring of 1912, as an independent business man and without any particular party support, Mr. Mott was elected mayor of Flint, serving two terms, and during his incumbency in that office did much for the

general advancement of the city's interests in the way of better public improvement, better streets and better community life generally. He has taken a prominent part in the local work of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is president, and was chairman of the executive committee and a leader in the recent "whirlwind" campaign for the raising of one hundred and twelve thousand dollars for the erection of a new building for the association in Flint. He is a member of the Country Club at Flint, of the Detroit Club and of the Detroit Athletic Club, as well as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Automobile Engineers. He is a Scottish-Rite Mason, a Knight Templar, a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the United Spanish War Veterans. He is a member of the Episcopal church, being a vestryman at St. Paul's church in Flint.

On June 14, 1900, at New York City, Charles S. Mott was married to Ethel C. Harding, daughter of Herbert and Aimee (Culbert) Harding, of New York, and to this union three children have been born: Aimee, born April 15, 1902; Elza Beatrice, November 14, 1904, and Charles Stewart Harding, November 4, 1906, all born in Utica, New York. The Motts have one of the most beautiful homes in Flint.

RAY N. ANTHONY.

One of the young farmers of Clayton township who is making good in his chosen vocation is Ray N. Anthony, who has wisely decided to remain amid rural scenes instead of casting his lot in some city or town, as so many farmer boys are doing, the majority of whom see their mistake after it is too late. Mr. Anthony was born on the farm where he is now living, March 21, 1884, a son of Herbert and Hattie (White) Anthony. The father was born in England, and when four years of age his parents brought him to the United States, the family locating in Oakland county, Michigan, where Herbert grew to manhood, attended school and was married. His wife was also born in England and when young came with her parents to the United States, her family also locating in Oakland county, Michigan, where she grew up and went to school. After their marriage, Herbert Anthony and wife came at once to Genesee county and located in Clayton township, buying one hundred and sixty acres and there they have continued to reside to

the present time, having developed a good farm by their industry and close application. To these parents five children have been born, all living, namely: Minnie, who is the wife of Frank Freeman, of Flushing, this county; May, wife of William Brooks, of Venice township, this county; Myrtle, wife of Roy Hardin, of Clayton township; Ray N., the subject of this sketch, and Lizzie, wife of Lewis Brooks, of Vernon township.

Herbert Anthony has been a life-long Republican, and has been more or less active in local public affairs. He was at one time clerk of Clayton township and also served as township supervisor. Fraternally, he is a member of Flushing Lodge No. 223, Free and Accepted Masons, and has been a member of the order for more than forty years.

Ray N. Anthony grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools and in the Flushing high school. He has remained on the homestead which he now successfully operates keeping the land well cultivated and well improved. He owns eighty acres lying just east of the homestead in section 16 and also farms the one hundred and seventy acres which constitutes the homestead. He raises a good grade of live stock, especially cattle.

On September 11, 1907, Ray N. Anthony was married to Eva Harding, a daughter of James and Electa Harding of Clayton township, where Mrs. Anthony was born, reared and educated. To this union two children have been born, Lloyd F., born on July 31, 1908, and Ilene, October 10, 1915.

Mr. Anthony is a member of Lennon Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

FRANK M. VAN SLYKE.

Frank M. Van Slyke, a farmer and carpenter, of Flint township, was born in Genesee county on March 28, 1844, the son of William and Betsey E. (Rogers) Van Slyke, were natives of the state of New York, who were married on February 10, 1835. Two of their children, William and Mary, were born in that state.

In 1840 William Van Slyke and family came to Michigan and located on the farm in Flint township, this county. The place was undeveloped, but by hard work and much energy the tract of eighty acres was cleared and soon ready for cultivation. Mr. Van Slyke was a great reader and became well posted. He took much interest in education and did much to better the condition of the schools of the township. William and Betsey Van Slyke

were the parents of ten children: William, Eliza, Martha, Martin, Julia, Franklin, Sarah, Amelia, Mary and Hattie.

Frank M. Van Slyke was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools during the winters, until he was eighteen years of age. He worked for his father until he was twenty-six years of age. On December 25, 1871, he married Nellie Pratt, a native of Orleans county, New York. At the age of nine she came with her parents to this county, the family settling in Burton township, where she lived until her marriage. After their marriage, Mr. Van Slyke rented the farm of his father-in-law for twenty-five years. He then bought a farm in Flint township, where the family lived for eight years. Mrs. Van Slyke died in the fall of 1898.

To Frank M. and Nellie Van Slyke were born four children, namely: Zula, born on May 9, 1873, is the wife of Albert Quartermass; Alvin, December 13, 1879, served for a time in the Spanish-American War, and died in Cuba of yellow fever; Bessie, July 20, 1886, is the wife of George Taylor, of Flint, and Harry, June 23, 1888, who died at the age of eight years.

Politically, Mr. Van Slyke is a Democrat and has served his township on the school board for twelve years. He has always been active in local politics.

EDWARD BURROUGH.

All honor is due the pioneers of Genesee county, only a few of whom are left to thrill us with stories of other days. Wild was the region into which they came. Its forests stood in their primeval strength, the prairie land was still unbroken, and the Indians still roamed through the woodlands, seeking the deer and other varieties of game which could then be found in abundance. Edward Burrough, of Forest township, while not so early a pioneer as some, yet figured in the early development of this locality. He was born in the parish of Luppitt, in Devonshire, England, March 16, 1833, and is a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Farmer) Burrough, both natives of that same locality, where they were reared on farms, and where they were married and lived and died. The father was a farmer and butcher. Their family consisted of ten children, of whom Edward was the seventh in order of birth and eight of whom grew to maturity.

Edward Burrough grew up on the home farm and helped his father with the work of the same during his boyhood, and also learned the butcher

business under his father. In 1855, when twenty-one years old, he emigrated to Canada, having saved enough by economy to pay his passage across the Atlantic. Arriving in Toronto he found work in a butcher shop, where he remained nearly a year, at the end of which time he quit and went to Collingwood, Canada, where he worked nine months, then returned to England, where he married Anne Baker, who was born and reared in the vicinity of his boyhood home. They soon set sail for the British dominion across the sea and located in London, Ontario, where Mr. Burrough followed his trade of butcher for a short time, and then went to Detroit, having met a man from Detroit who induced him to come to Michigan. After remaining a short time in Detroit he moved to Pontiac, working as a butcher, thence to the Pennsylvania oil fields, in which he spent eighteen months. His health failing he sold out his interests there and returned to Pontiac, and in a short time came on to Flint, and entered the meat business, the place being but a village at that time. After conducting his shop two years he bought the old Beesley brewery which he operated four or five years, then sold out. Meanwhile he had purchased his present farm of two hundred and sixty acres in Forest township, where he has since resided and has been one of the leading general farmers and stock raisers of his township. Although past his eighty-third year Mr. Burrough is still active and well preserved. The last few years he has been very successful in a business way.

Mr. Burrough has five children, living, namely: A. J., Frank W. and Charles W., of Michigan; Eva, the wife of C. C. Wright, of Birmingham, Saskatchewan, and Alice, widow of Thomas Crocker, of Flint. The wife of Mr. Burrough died in 1868, and he has never remarried. His niece, Bessie M. Skinner, a native of England, has been his housekeeper for some time. Politically, Mr. Burrough is a Democrat. He served as township supervisor for one year.

E. A. SEELEY.

There is no question but that the simple life, of which one hears so much about nowadays, is the best life, whether lived in the country or the city. But it is in the former that it can, unquestionably, be carried into better effect. The man who is not contented on his farm has many things to learn yet about life. E. A. Seeley, of Thetford township, is one of the

farmers of Genesee county who finds life pleasant and worth while and has no desire to assume the burdens of the city dweller. He was born in Genesee township, this county, June 1, 1842, and is therefore among the oldest living native-born citizens in this locality, and during his residence here of over three score and ten years he has seen many important changes, for the country was a wilderness when he was a boy. He is a son of Oren and Selina (Andrews) Seeley, early pioneers of Genesee county. The father was born in Orleans county, New York, and was of English descent. His wife was a native of Yates county, New York. They grew up in their native state, both being reared on farms, and were married there. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Orleans county, that state, where they lived until removing to Genesee county, Michigan, in 1840. Here they bought forty acres of timber land, on which they spent one year; then returned to New York, but came back to Michigan in 1842. Shortly after returning here their son, E. A., was born. They added another forty acres to their first purchase and continued to live here the rest of their lives. Nine children were born to them, four of whom are now living, namely: Harriet, widow of E. B. Clapp, lives in Forest township, this county; E. A., the subject of this sketch; Daniel H., who lives in Genesee township, and William, who also lives in that township.

E. A. Seeley grew up on the home farm where, like all pioneer children, he worked hard when he became of proper age. He received a limited education in the early district schools, attending school in a log house with fire-place, greased paper for window panes, puncheon floors and seats. He remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, then worked out for two or three years, but gave his earnings to his father; then began life for himself, working out by the month. He saved his money and finally rented E. B. Clapp's farm in Thetford township for one year, then became owner of a good farm of eighty acres on which he has since lived, known as "Sunnyside Farm." He has added to his holdings and now owns in all three hundred and forty-one acres in Thetford township. Mr. Seeley has made it all by hard work and good management and has long been regarded as one of the leading general farmers and stock raisers of his township.

On March 7, 1865, E. A. Seeley was married to Hattie C. Drudge, who was born in the state of New York, a daughter of Henry and Mary Drudge, who, when she was ten years old, came to Michigan, the family locating on a farm in Thetford township, this county, where she attended school and grew to womanhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Seeley two children have been born, Jennie May, who is the wife of Calvin Jobson, of Clio, this county, and

LeRoy B., who married Theresa Brown and lives on his father's farm. Politically, Mr. Seeley is a Democrat. He has served as postmaster in his township and also as a member of the board of review.

HERMAN H. PIERSON.

One of the enterprising young farmers and stock raisers of Burton township is Herman H. Pierson, who was born in Mt. Morris township, October 26, 1879, a son of Barrett and Sophia Marilla (Maxwell) Pierson.

Barrett Pierson was born in Mt. Morris township, November 17, 1843, and grew up on the home farm and was educated in the early public schools. He remained at home until he was nineteen years old, when he enlisted in Company F, Fourth Michigan Cavalry, and served faithfully for the Union. He was one of the men that guarded the wagon which brought Jefferson Davis back north after the head of the rebellious confederacy had fled into Georgia at the close of the war. He saw much hard service, being injured once severely, from the effects of which he never recovered. After being honorably discharged and mustered out in August, 1865, he returned to Michigan and in 1867 settled on one hundred and sixty acres of wild land in section 3, Mt. Morris township, Genesee county, which he cleared and developed into a good farm and was living there when he married Sophia M. Maxwell, December 25, 1871. She was born near Syracuse, New York, of Scotch parentage. When Sophia Maxwell was a baby her parents moved to White Lake, Oakland county, Michigan, and there cleared up and developed a farm on which she grew to womanhood and attended school. She came of a well educated family.

In 1887, Barrett Pierson sold his farm in Mt. Morris and moved to Burton township, buying a farm in section 27, where he lived until 1914, when he moved to Flint, living retired in that city until his death on May 28, 1915. Politically he was a Republican and active in party affairs. He cast his first vote for Lincoln, while a soldier in the Civil War and his last for Taft, having remained faithful to his party during his whole life, of which fact he was very proud. His family consisted of four children, namely: William S., who lives in Flint, born on November 29, 1872; Margaret C., wife of Charles Howland, living in Pontiac, Michigan, was born on March 12, 1875; Samnel Maxwell, who also lives in Pontiac, was born on April 6, 1877, and Herman H., the subject of this sketch.

Herman H. Pierson grew to manhood on the home farm and was educated in the public schools. He lived at home until his marriage on December 15, 1900, to Alice Elizabeth Morrish, a daughter of Charles A. and Jennie (McAllister) Morrish, of Burton township, where Mrs. Pierson grew up and attended school. After his marriage Mr. Pierson moved on a farm across the road from that of his father, where he resided until in 1914, when he moved to his father's estate, where he now resides and where he is making a success as a general farmer and stock raiser.

Politically, Mr. Pierson is a Republican and he has always taken an interest in public affairs. In 1904 he was a delegate to the state convention, which nominated the last governor nominated by a convention. He was supervisor of his township from 1911 to 1914. He is a member of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Burton Center Grange No. 1072.

HON. JOHN JAY CARTON.

Hon. John Jay Carton, senior member of the law firm of Carton, Bray & Stewart at Flint, president of the National Bank of Flint, former county clerk of Genesee county, former speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, president of the Michigan state constitutional convention in 1907 and for many years an active factor in the civic and business life of this part of the state, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Clayton township, November 8, 1856, son of John and Ann (Maguire) Carton, natives of Ireland, the former born in County Wexford and the latter in County Monaghan, early and influential residents of Clayton township and whose last days were spent in the city of Flint.

John Carton grew to manhood in Ireland and then, in company with his two brothers, William and Peter Carton, came to the United States, locating in New York City, where they worked for a short time, after which they went to Batavia, New York, as wood choppers in the employ of a Mr. Pendill, who had a contract to furnish wood for the locomotives of the New York Central railroad. In 1837 Mr. Pendill made considerable investments in Michigan timber land, among the tracts which he bought being the north-west quarter of section 9, in the township of Clayton, in Genesee county. The Carton brothers bought the same, chopping cord-wood at about thirty cents a cord to pay for it. After paying for this land, they came here from Batavia and settled on it, built a log shanty and began to clear it for cultiva-

tion. Peter Carton died not long afterward and when William Carton caught the "gold fever" and went to California shortly after the opening of the gold fields there in 1849. John Carton came into full possession of the place. On June 2, 1851, he married Anna Maguire, who had come from Ireland and settled in Flint not long before. She went to live with him on the farm where he had established his home and which he continued to improve, eventually bringing it to a high state of cultivation, and there he and his wife lived, rearing their family, until the spring of 1891, when they retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Flint, where they spent the rest of their lives, John Carton dying in 1892, at the age of eighty-five years. His widow survived him a little less than three years, her death occurring on September 30, 1895, she then being seventy-three years of age. John Carton and his wife were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were thirteen of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: William, deceased; Peter, of Flint; Anna L., who died unmarried at Dallas, Texas; Mae, who died unmarried in 1915; Luke, of Kalkaswa, this state; Frank R., of British Columbia; Isabelle, wife of James L. Daly, of Flint; Augustus C., of Lansing; James C., also of Lansing, and three who died in childhood.

John Jay Carton was reared on the old home farm in Clayton township, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and in the high school at Flushing, and during the winters from 1873 to 1877 taught school in that vicinity. In the latter year he began clerking in a store at Flushing and was thus engaged until his election to the office of county clerk in 1880. Mr. Carton served as clerk of the court of Genesee county for four years, 1881-85, meanwhile devoting his leisure to the study of law, and in 1884 was admitted to the bar. Upon the completion of his term of public service he formed a partnership for the practice of law with Judge George H. Durand at Flint, under the firm name of Durand & Caston, and this mutually agreeable association continued until the death of Judge Durand in 1903, after which Mr. Carton associated with himself in practice Everett L. Bray, under the firm name of Carton & Bray, which continued until 1913, when William C. Stewart was admitted to the firm, since which time the firm has been Carton, Bray & Stewart.

Mr. Carton is a Republican and, in addition to the public service as clerk of the court, above referred to, he has served in several other important capacities. During 1890 and 1891 he was city attorney of Flint and in 1898 was elected representative from this district to the Michigan state Leg-

islature and was re-elected in 1900 and 1902, thus serving during the sessions of 1899, 1901 and 1903, during the latter two of which sessions he was speaker of the House. He was elected delegate from this district to the state constitutional convention in 1907 and was honored by his confreres in that distinguished body by election as president of the convention. Mr. Carton is a member of the American Bar Association, of the Michigan State Bar Association and of the Genesee County Bar Association and has served as president of the two latter organizations. In 1890 he was elected president of The First National Bank of Flint, was continued as president of that concern's successor, The National Bank of Flint, and he was formerly vice-president of the Weston-Mott Company. Mr. Carton is a thirty-third-degree Mason; was grand master of the grand lodge of Michigan, Free and Accepted Masons, in 1896, and is an active member of the supreme council of sovereign grand inspectors-general, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and deputy for Michigan.

On November 22, 1898, John J. Carton was united in marriage to Mrs. Addie C. Pierson, daughter of Charles and Cornelia Wager, natives of New York state, the former of whom is now living retired at Waterford, in Oakland county, this state. Mrs. Carton is a member of the Presbyterian church.

L. C. SUTHERLAND.

Among the enterprising men of affairs of Genesee county is L. C. Sutherland, proprietor of the Argentine boat works. He has met and overcome obstacles that would have discouraged many men of less determination and won a position of no little importance in the body politic. He was born at Argentine on September 16, 1852, and is a son of G. G. and Sarah E. (Hawley) Sutherland. The father was born in Geneva, New York, in 1825. He was of English descent, although his parents came to the United States from Ireland, settling in New York state. G. G. Sutherland was but a boy when he accompanied his parents from Geneva, New York, to Detroit, Michigan. Later the family moved to a farm in Deerfield township, Livingston county, and were among the early pioneers there, the country thereabout then still being the domain of the redman, there being very few white settlers. When fifteen years old G. G. Sutherland was bound out to a man named Goundrell, in Detroit, to learn the wagon- and carriage-maker's trade. He served his time there and in 1846 came to Genesee county, being one of the

first settlers at Argentine or in that locality. He erected a shop on the banks of North creek, the present site of the village of Argentine, and followed his trade until his death in 1896. His wife, Sarah E. Hawley Sutherland was born in Seneca, New York, and was a young girl when her parents moved to Ohio, later to Detroit, Michigan, where her father, Sidney M. Hawley, worked at the shoemaker's trade one year, then moved to Deerfield township, Livingston county, in 1837, about the time the Sutherland family moved there. Mr. Hawley took up land from the government and lived there forty years or more, then moved to Fenton, this county, where he spent the rest of his life, meeting death under a train at the age of eighty years. The parents of the subject of this sketch were married in Deerfield township, Livingston county. They located in Argentine about 1846 and G. G. Sutherland was actively engaged in business there until his death. His widow survived him twenty years, dying on April 21, 1916, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. To these parents six children were born, five of whom are still living, namely: Emma J., who is the wife of Fred Moran, of Argentine township; L. C., the subject of this sketch; Frank A., who lives in Flint; Fred G., who lives in Cadillac, and Dr. Bert G. Sutherland, who is practicing dentistry at Owosso.

L. C. Sutherland received his education in the Argentine schools and when but a boy began learning his trade in his father's shop, in due course of time becoming a highly-skilled workman. He formed a partnership with his father, and about 1890 they established a boat-building business. The father had purchased the water right there in 1857 and at his death the son took active charge of the business, which he has since conducted with ever-growing success. He finds a very ready market for his products owing to the superior quality and workmanship of his boats. He has a modernly equipped shop and employs a number of good mechanics.

On June 13, 1878, L. C. Sutherland was married to Eva Whalen, a daughter of James Whalen, who died in the autumn of the next year, leaving one son, Everett L. Sutherland, who was graduated from the Linden high school and is now a minister of the Methodist Protestant church at Dice, in Saginaw county. In January, 1883, Mr. Sutherland married Lulu B. Church, of Tyrone, Michigan, and to this second union three children have been born, Lena L., who was graduated from Linden high school, and is the wife of Leonard Stiff, of Fenton township, this county; Grace G., who also was graduated from the Linden high school and is the wife of Fred Hetchler, of Linden, and Ruth, who was graduated from the Michigan

Agricultural College and is now employed by the Lindquist Clothing Company in Grand Rapids.

Politically, Mr. Sutherland is a Prohibitionist, and always supports the men best suited, in his opinion, for the offices sought. He is a member of the Methodist church at Argentine, of which he is a trustee.

LEWIS J. BENJAMIN.

A farmer and stockman of the type of Lewis J. Benjamin, proprietor of "Walnut Stock Farm," in Thetford township does much to encourage better farming and the raising of better live stock in his locality. He was born near Belleville, Ontario, Canada, September 19, 1857, and is a son of Richard L. and Harriet (Martin) Benjamin. The father was born at Kingston, Ontario, and was a son of Lewis Benjamin, who moved with three brothers, farmers and blacksmiths, to Canada in an early day from New York state. Lewis finally settled at Kingston, where he reared his family of ten children. Like many pioneers he made clothes and shoes for his family. Harriet Martin was born in Tipperary, Ireland, and emigrated to Canada when fourteen years old. She was a daughter of John Martin, who engaged in farming and reared a large family. In 1864 Richard L. Benjamin and family and his four brothers-in-law all came to Michigan. He bought one hundred and twenty acres in Vienna township, this county, which he cleared. There he raised his family and there his wife died. He later moved to Ogemaw county, where he died. He had four children, namely: Lewis J., the subject of this sketch; Sarah A., now deceased, who was the wife of John A. McCrady, of Clio; Matthew, who lives in Flint, and Eliza J., the wife of Delbert Hoyt, of Ogemaw county.

Lewis J. Benjamin was reared on the home farm and received a common school education. He lived at home until he was twenty-two years old. On March 3, 1880, he married Eva G. Munsell, a daughter of Algernon Sidney and Emily (Wright) Munsell. The father was born near Wolcott, where he lived until he was thirty years old, then moved to Livingston county, Michigan, where he bought a farm and where he met and married Emily Wright, who was born in Genesee county, New York, and when sixteen years old came with her parents to Michigan, the family settling at Ypsilanti, where the family lived until 1844, then located in Livingston county, later, when Mrs. Benjamin was six years old, moving to Thetford

township, Genesee county, where her parents spent the rest of their lives, her father dying on December 10, 1896, at the age of eighty-six years. Her mother died on July 4 of that same year, at the age of seventy-six. They were parents of four children, three of whom grew up, namely: Lucetta, deceased, who was the wife of Lyman Williams; Emma, deceased, who was the wife of Joseph Lewis, and Eva G., wife of Mr. Benjamin.

After his marriage, Mr. Benjamin settled on the old Munsell place and took care of his wife's parents; finally bought the place and lived there until in April, 1915, when he moved to his present farm of eighty acres, which he had purchased in 1912. He also owns another eighty in Thetford township. He carries on general farming and stock raising, specializing in breeding registered Holstein cattle, his herd being headed by "King Hengerveld Palmyra Fayne, the Fifth." The herd is now composed of eighteen head.

Mr. Benjamin has five children, namely: Henry G., who lives on the old home place, married Elsie Anderson and has two children, Oliver and Elwin; Emily G., the wife of Roy Grawol, of Flint; Harriet, who married John Moran, of Romeo, and has two children, Leo and Gertrude; Johnnie, who died in infancy, and Nellie Ethylene, who is in school. Politically, Mr. Benjamin is a Republican. He is a member of the Grange.

BERT SKINNER.

As every one knows, methods of farming are changing, and we are learning many things that the husbandman of half a century ago did not know or at least did not attach much importance to. Bert Skinner, of Argentine township, this county, is a farmer who tries to keep abreast of the times in his vocation and is therefore succeeding. He was born in the above-named township and county on February 25, 1877, a son of Jephtha and Caroline (Wilkinson) Skinner. The father was born in Ontario, Canada, May 14, 1840, and when a boy moved with his parents to Oakland county, Michigan, where he lived until he was twenty-six years of age, and there he and Caroline Wilkinson were married in 1862. She was born in Lincolnshire, England, and when about ten years old came to Michigan with her parents, the family settling in Oakland county. The parents of the subject of this sketch lived in Oakland county about five years after their marriage, then came to Genesee county and bought two hundred and forty acres in section 33, Argentine township, which place they transformed into a good

farm and continued to reside there until in 1904, when they retired from active life and located in the village of Byron, where the father's death occurred on March 13, 1913. The mother survives. He was independent in politics and firm in his convictions, always standing up for what he believed to be right, whether political or religious. His widow is a member of the Byron Baptist church. To these parents eight children were born, five of whom are still living, namely: Jephtha, who lives in Argentine township, where also reside Jay D., Bert, Frank W. and George F. Trueie, Hattie and Eliza are deceased.

Bert Skinner grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools and the Byron public schools. He lived at home until he was twenty-four years of age. On October 23, 1901, he married Mary R. Teller, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Bowers) Teller, natives of Pennsylvania and the state of New York, respectively, who came to Michigan and settled in Livingston county, where Mrs. Skinner was born. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Skinner settled on the farm where they still reside in section 17 of Argentine township. The place consists of one hundred and fifty acres, which Mr. Skinner had purchased the year previous. He has a good farm, keeps it well improved and engages in general farming and stock raising. He and his wife have one son, John Jay Skinner, now attending district school.

Politically, Mr. Skinner is a Democrat. He was township treasurer for two years and he has been township supervisor since November, 1913, being elected three different times. He is a member of Byron Lodge No. 80, Free and Accepted Masons and of Durand Chapter No. 139, Royal Arch Masons, and was a master of the Byron lodge from December 27, 1913, to December 27, 1915. He also is a member of Byron Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star.

DENNIS R. STILES.

The true northern spirit of progress and enterprise is strikingly exemplified in the lives of such men as Dennis R. Stiles, a leading business man of Argentine, this county. His energetic nature and laudable ambition have enabled him to conquer many adverse circumstances and advance steadily in his chosen lines of endeavor.

Dennis R. Stiles was born on a farm in Livingston county, Michigan, August 15, 1881, a son of W. B. and Ella K. (Whitney) Stiles. The father

was born in East Mendon, New York, a son of W. B. and Cornelia E. Stiles. The father of the subject of this sketch lived on the home farm in his native state until he was nineteen years old, then came to Michigan, locating in Deerfield township, Livingston county, where he worked out as a farm hand. His mother joined him there a few years later and he made a home for her. Ella K. Whitney was born in Monroe county, Michigan, and when a girl came with her parents to Genesee county, the family locating on a farm in Argentine township, and there she met and married W. B. Stiles. They first settled in Deerfield township on a rented farm, but bought forty acres a few years later in Deerfield township and lived there twenty-two years; then moved to Argentine where Mr. Stiles engaged in the lumber business which he has followed ever since. He had previously purchased a saw-mill there, and later bought a half interest in the flour-mill, which was for a time operated under the firm name of Bishop & Stiles. Finally Mr. Stiles bought his partner out, operating the mill five years alone, then sold out. Four years later, in 1911, W. B. and D. R. Stiles bought it. The following year W. B. Stiles sold his interest to two of his sons, who in turn sold out to D. R. Stiles in 1913, and it has since been owned and operated by the latter.

To W. B. Stiles, Jr. and wife eight children were born, seven of whom are now living, namely: Edward B., who operates the elevator at Linden; Cornelia, wife of Edward Bird, of Argentine; E. R., who is operating the elevator at Fostoria; D. R., the subject of this sketch; Floyd S., who is connected with the elevator at Davisburg; Jennie B., wife of E. R. Lang, of Redford, Michigan, and Mabel S., wife of Eugene Carl, of Shiawassee county. Marlin L., the deceased child of the family, died at the age of six months.

D. R. Stiles received his education in the public schools of Argentine, then attended the normal school at Fenton, from which institution he was graduated. After leaving school he accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Russell-Mooney Company, of Chicago, which he represented for eight years, during which time he penetrated to all parts of the United States and gave eminent satisfaction to his firm, greatly increasing the business and prestige of the same. But finally tiring of the road he returned to Argentine and entered the milling business with his father. He is one of the most progressive business men of the county. He is proprietor of the Argentine Light & Power Company, is also still heavily interested in the milling business and buys and sells grain and beans in large quantities.

On June 12, 1908, D. R. Stiles was married to Clara V. Starring, daughter of John C. and Lena B. Starring, of Clarkston, Michigan, and to this

union two children have been born, Emerson J., who is attending school, and Evelyn B., the baby.

Politically, Mr. Stiles is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is a member of Coleburg Lodge No. 112, Knights of Pythias.

JOHN J. SLEEMAN.

It is not the kind of work, but the kind of spirit with which it is done that dignifies and exalts human service. This is a thought that should always put heart into every worker, put glow and cheer into his service and fill him with a large degree of satisfaction in doing the work that nature seems to have, in a way, appointed him. John J. Sleeman, for many years a carriage manufacturer, and the present postmaster at Linden, is a man who gets satisfaction out of his daily tasks and therefore his work has not only always been well done, but to him life is worth living.

Mr. Sleeman was born in London, Ontario, October 14, 1845, and is a son of William and Catherine (Hicks) Sleeman. John Hicks, the maternal grandfather, was born in Devon, England, and married Grace Jolliffe, also a native of England. When twenty-one years old he went into the revenue department of the government, in which he served until superannuated. He removed with his family to London, province of Ontario, Canada, in an early day. He was a member of the Episcopal church. Grandfather John Sleeman was born near Devon, England, and his wife, Mary Watts, was also a native of that country. They devoted their entire lives to farming in their native land. They were members of the Episcopal church. John Sleeman, the great-grandfather, was a son of William Sleeman. The father of the subject came to Canada alone about 1838, settling at London, Ontario, where he spent practically all of the rest of his life on a farm, which he developed from a wild state, through hard work and perseverance. His death occurred in 1873, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife came to Canada with her parents when young in years. Her death occurred in 1900. To William Sleeman and wife eight children were born, named as follow: Mary, Grace, John J. (the subject), William, Jr., Thomas, Catherine, Harry (deceased) and Charles.

John J. Sleeman was educated in the public and high schools of London, Ontario, and when a young man he learned the carriage-maker's trade, which he followed until appointed postmaster at Linden, July 14, 1913. He



John S. Stearns



Mrs. Ella S. Stearns

came to Linden in the year 1870. He became a highly skilled workman and did a good business as carriage maker. As postmaster his services have been entirely satisfactory to the people and the postoffice department. Politically, he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic order, including the chapter, having been a Royal Arch Mason for forty-five years. His wife is a member of the Congregational church. He is a well-informed man, especially in history, being a great reader.

Mr. Sleeman was married, Decmeber 23, 1874, to Ella Tilden, who was born in Saline, Michigan, February 22, 1857, a daughter of Lemuel K. and Lorinda (Lapham) Tilden, natives of Monroe county, New York, the father's birth occurring there in 1835. They removed to Linden, Genesee county, Michigan, about fifty years ago and here established their future home in Linden, both dying in 1892. They were members of the Baptist church. Two children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Mary Elizabeth, who married Charles G. Marshall, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and they have one child, Tilden S. Marshall; Blythe R. Sleeman, who is a practicing physician in Linden, married Rose Dawson, and they have one child, Robert D. Sleeman.

J. D. SKINNER.

While J. D. Skinner, of Argentine township, does not seem to have specialized on any one phase of agriculture, as many are now doing, he has studied all carefully and has made a success as a general farmer. His neighbors might do well to observe his methods in many lines. He was born in the above named township and county, November 1, 1874, and is a son of Jephthae and Caroline (Wilkinson) Skinner, the former of whom was born in Dundas, Ontario, Canada, the son of Jephthae Skinner, also a native of Canada. Caroline Wilkinson was born in Lincolnshire, England, where she spent her early girlhood, being fourteen years of age when she came to America with her parents, who located in Novi township, Oakland county, Michigan, where she grew to young womanhood, met and married Mr. Skinner, who had removed from Ontario to Ashland county, this state, with his father. About three years after their marriage they came to Genesee county, later locating in Argentine township on one hundred and sixty acres, which was added to until they had an excellent farm of two hundred and

forty acres. The country was wild, wooded and sparsely settled when they settled in that locality and Mr. Skinner had to cut a road through the timber to his land. He worked hard and prospered, continuing to live on his original place until he was sixty-two years old, when he retired from active life and removed to Byron, where his death occurred. His widow returned to the old homestead and is still living. To these parents seven children were born, namely: True, who died when four years of age; Hattie, who died when nineteen years of age; Jephtha, who lives in Argentine township; J. D., the subject of this sketch, and Bert, Frank and George, who also live in Argentine township.

J. D. Skinner grew up on the home farm and received a common-school education in the district school and in the Byron schools. He lived at home until he was married on November 23, 1896, to Mary E. Kidder, a daughter of Wellington and Elizabeth Kidder. After his marriage he moved to his farm of one hundred and forty-three acres, where he has since resided. By diligence and good management he has increased his holdings until he now owns an excellent farm of two hundred and twenty-four acres and is successfully carrying on general farming and stock raising. He has a good home and numerous convenient outbuildings. He at one time owned three hundred and four acres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Skinner one child has been born, a son, George Ernest Skinner, who is at home with his parents. Politically, Mr. Skinner is an independent voter. He is a member of the Byron Baptist church, of which he has been a deacon and active worker for the past four years.

WILLIAM J. ERWIN.

In these modern days of worn soils, although we have the most improved labor-saving farm machinery, the business of farming demands brains more than brawn, that our soils may be rescued from the wilderness of wasted fertility that is stifling and depleting them. One of the successful farmers of Genesee county is William J. Erwin, of Mundy township. He was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1861, a son of Kernes and Nancy (Olinger) Erwin. The father was of Irish descent. The mother was a native of Pennsylvania. Kernes Erwin learned the blacksmith's trade when a young man and worked at the same until about 1883, when he bought a farm on which he spent the rest of his life, dying on July 4, 1899. His

widow survived until March 8, 1915, reaching an advanced age. To these parents seven children were born, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: William J., the subject of this sketch; John A., a blacksmith, who lives in Pennsylvania; Samuel E., engaged in a rolling-mill at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania; Margaret, who married Milton St. Clair, a farmer, of Whitesburg, Pennsylvania; A. L., who lives in Pennsylvania, and Frank B., who also lives in Pennsylvania.

William J. Erwin received a common-school education and lived at home until he was twenty-four years of age, then came to Michigan, locating at Grand Blanc, this county, and hired out to David Van Tiffin, for whom he worked six months; then worked for Joseph Eames, in the same locality, for seven years; then worked for David Palmer eight years. Saving his earnings, he purchased the farm he now owns in November, 1899, and has lived there ever since. His place consists of one hundred and twenty acres and is well located in Mundy township. He has made a good living as a general farmer and stock raiser.

On March 8, 1900, William J. Erwin was married to Belinda Wilson, a native of New Jersey, from which state she came to this county when sixteen years of age. Politically, Mr. Erwin is a Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of Mundy Lodge No. 504, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

SAMUEL EDWARD SMITH.

The wanderlust, like a siren, calls to every youth to forsake his ancestral halls and hills and go out in quest of a better country. Many have heeded the summons to their advantage, but perhaps more have found disappointment and trouble. In such a county as Genesee that young man is fortunate who has the sagacity to remain at home, as did Samuel Edward (known as Ed) Smith, a farmer of Argentine township. He was born near where he now resides on March 2, 1862, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Robinson) Smith. The father was born in northern Ireland, from which country he came as a young man to America, stopped awhile in New York state, where he worked out on a farm, and there met and married Margaret Robinson, who also was born in Ireland, but was of Scotch ancestry. When a young girl she came with a sister to America, locating in the state of New York. After their marriage Samuel Smith and wife came to Michigan, locating on a farm in Grand Blanc township, Genesee county, and two years

later moved to Argentine township, buying a farm of eighty acres, where Albert Smith now lives. There the elder Samuel Smith prospered through good management and, with the help of his sons, increased his holdings to four hundred acres. He was one of the well-to-do farmers of this county in his day and generation. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, namely: Mary, who is the wife of William Jones, of Tuscola county, Michigan; Philip, a farmer of Genesee county; Jane, wife of John F. West, of Clayton township; Catherine, who married William Ellison, both now deceased; James, who lives on the old homestead; Archie, who is in the state of Washington; Samuel Edward, the subject of this sketch; Eliza, widow of William L. Smith, of Argentine township, and Albert, who lives on the home place. The parents of these children were Episcopalians, and the father was a staunch Democrat.

Samuel Edward Smith received his education in the district schools and worked on the home farm during the summer months. He lived at home until he was thirty-five years of age, then moved to his own farm of ninety-four acres in Argentine township, where he spent four years. On April 9, 1901, when he married Annie Dodder, he moved to his present excellent farm of two hundred acres, where he has since successfully carried on general farming and stock raising. His wife is a daughter of Jacob S. Dodder, who moved from Oakland county to Argentine township as a pioneer.

Politically, Mr. Smith is a Democrat. He is a past noble grand of Linden Lodge No. 276, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the grand lodge of that order. He is active in the work of the lodge and is one of the best known members of that fraternity in Genesee county.

CHARLES E. LILLIE.

One of the farmers of Argentine township who, by proper rotation and fertilization, has been careful to prevent his soil from becoming thin, therefore causing his productive and well-kept place to yield abundant harvests annually, is Charles E. Lillie, who, like many other citizens of the locality of which this history deals, hails from the Empire state, his birth having occurred in Elbridge, Onondaga county, New York, December 27, 1852. He is a son of E. F. and Sarah (Gale) Lillie, both natives of the state of New York, where they grew up and were married. The father was of Scotch-Irish descent. After his marriage he settled on a farm in his native

county where he lived until 1860, when he came to Michigan, locating in Argentine township, this county, where he bought a farm of seventy-two acres. Later he bought one hundred and sixty acres, and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. Nine children were born to them, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: William, who resides in Argentine township; Pratt, who lives in Detroit; Charles E., the subject of this sketch; James, who lives in Williamston, Michigan; Levi, who lives in Stockbridge, this state; Frances, who married Chester Smith and is now deceased; George, who died unmarried; Andrew, a shoemaker by trade, who is now deceased, and Lucy, who died unmarried. E. F. Lillie was a shoemaker by trade, which vocation he followed for a number of years. He was a Democrat, was active in party affairs and held the office of highway commissioner for several terms.

Charles E. Lillie was about eight years old when his parents moved from New York to this county. He grew up on the home farm and was educated in the district schools. He remained with his parents on the farm, taking care of them in their old age. He bought out the other heirs to the homestead in Argentine township, which place he still owns. It consists of one hundred and fifty-two acres, a part of which lies across the line in Shiawassee county.

On December 8, 1875, Charles E. Lillie was married to Mary J. Cummings, a daughter of Ira and Lydia Cummings. Her death occurred on July 22, 1894. Two children were born to that union, the first of whom died in infancy, unnamed, and Olive, who is now the wife of Charles Bennett.

Politically, Mr. Lillie is a Democrat. He has served as township constable, and was deputy sheriff under Ed Russ for four years. He is a member of Byron Lodge No. 349, Knights of the Maccabees.

HARRY H. BASSETT.

Harry H. Bassett, vice-president and general manager of the Weston-Mott Company at Flint, is a native of the state of New York and has been a resident of Flint since the year 1907. He was born in the city of Utica, New York, September 11, 1875, son of William L. and Mary (Babcock) Bassett, natives of that same state, the former of whom spent his last days in Flint and the latter of whom is still living there.

William L. Bassett was born on a farm, son of P. H. Bassett and wife,

also natives of New York state, who spent all their lives in that state, the former living to be ninety-two years of age and the latter, eighty-six. They were the parents of nine children, George, William, Lucy, John, Dwight, Evelyn, Harriet, Elizabeth and one who died young. William L. Bassett married Mary Babcock, who was born at Unadilla Forks, in Otsego county, New York, daughter of Henry H. and Tammison Babcock, natives of that same state, the former of whom was a merchant in that town and who were the parents of six children, Lee, Herbert, Mary, Julia, Ella and Laura. William L. Bassett early turned his attention to the manufacturing business and was engaged as superintendent of plants for the manufacture of agricultural implements, at Utica and Ilion, practically all of his active life. In 1910, upon retiring from business, he and his wife located in Flint, where he died in October, 1914, he then being seventy-eight years of age. His widow, who still survives him, continues to make her home in Flint. She is a member of the Universalist church and he was a Baptist. They were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Tammison, who married Dr. L. B. Palmiter, of New York City, and Cornelia, who married E. R. Knapp, of Flint.

Harry H. Bassett received his schooling at Utica and at Ilion, New York, and was graduated from the high school of the latter city with a state academic certificate. He then began work for the Remington Arms Company at Ilion and was connected with the factory and the office of that company for fourteen years and six months, being gradually promoted until he became assistant to the general manager. He then transferred his services to the Weston-Mott Company at Utica, as assistant superintendent of that company's extensive plant at Utica, and when that concern was moved to Flint in 1907 he became manager of works in the new plant, and has ever since then made his home in Flint. In 1913 Mr. Bassett was promoted to the position of general manager of the company and in 1916 was elected vice-president of the company, continuing as active general manager of the plant, and is now thus occupied, one of the strongest and most influential individual forces in the rapidly expanding industrial life of Flint. Mr. Bassett is also a member of the board of three directors of the Weston-Mott Company. That company is now employing more than two thousand two hundred persons. Its chief output is automobile axles, hubs and rims and the products of its great plant are sold in all parts of the world. Mr. Bassett is a member of the Society of Automobile Engineers and has long taken an active part in the affairs of that organization. Politically, he is

a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Masons and with the Elks. He is president of the Flint Country Club and a member of the Question Club.

Mr. Bassett has been twice married. His first wife, who was Nina Cole, daughter of Fred and Rose Cole, of Flint, died on August 17, 1911. To that union one child was born, a daughter, who died in infancy. On October 30, 1913, Mr. Bassett was united in marriage to Jessie M. Hood, who was born in Jackson, this state, daughter of Rodney Hood and wife, natives of Michigan, the former of whom for years has been engaged in the lumber business at Jackson. Mrs. Bassett's mother died in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett have a very pleasant home at 421 East street and take an earnest interest in the general social and cultural activities of their home town

JEPHTHA SKINNER.

Conditions are so widely varied in the vast area of the Middle West that is devoted to agricultural pursuits; the results desirable by both individuals and communities are so widely divergent, and the fact that most profitable results to one might mean positive loss to another, make any general rules, laid down to cover the entire country in question, unsuited to many farmers. Each must work out his own problem as has Jephtha Skinner, of Argentine township, this county. He was born in the neighboring county of Oakland, August 13, 1871, and is a son of Jephthae and Caroline (Wilkinson) Skinner. The father was born in Ontario, Canada, and when fourteen years old came with his parents to Oakland county, Michigan. His father was also named Jephthae, and the latter spent the rest of his life in Oakland county where his son, father of the subject of this sketch, grew to maturity and married Caroline Wilkinson, who was born in England, and was a young girl when her parents brought her to Michigan and settled in Oakland county. There the parents of the subject of this sketch settled after their marriage and engaged in farming until 1873 when they moved to Genesee county, buying one hundred and sixty acres in Argentine township, all wild land, which the father cleared and on which he established the future home of the family, living there until 1903, when he and his wife retired from active life and located at Byron, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, where his death occurred on March 13, 1913, and where his widow is still living. Six children were born to them, namely: Hattie E.,

who died when twenty years of age, after devoting some time to school teaching; Jephtha, the subject of this sketch, and J. D., Bert, Frank and George, all living in Argentine township. The father of these children was one of the most successful farmers in his community. Through his own efforts he developed a farm from the wilderness, increasing its acreage to two hundred and forty. He was a Republican and a Baptist.

Jephtha Skinner was two years old when his parents brought him from Oakland county, and he grew up on the home farm and attended the district schools in Argentine township and the Byron high school. He lived at home until his marriage, September 12, 1900, to Tela E. Bishop, a daughter of Henry and Charlotte Bishop. After his marriage he settled on his present farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Argentine township, where he has lived ever since and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has four children, namely: Harold, who is attending school in Byron; Mary, who is attending the district schools; Ruth, and Jephtha, the baby.

Politically, Mr. Skinner is a Republican. He served as highway commissioner from 1908 to 1910, inclusive, and for the past two years has been a member of the town board and a justice of the peace.

WILLIAM H. HORTON.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch is essentially a man of affairs, sound of judgment and far-seeing in what he undertakes. Every enterprise to which he has addressed himself has resulted in gratifying financial returns, while at the same time he has won and retained the good will and confidence of his fellow men.

William H. Horton, watchmaker, jeweler and optician of Flint, Michigan, was born in Atlas township, Genesee county, March 29, 1869, and is a son of Carlton I. and Etta F. (Frost) Horton, also natives of Genesee county, where they grew up, were educated and married and devoted their active lives to general agricultural pursuits. When starting out in life the father purchased a farm of one hundred seventeen and one-half acres, which he cleared, improved and placed under a high state of cultivation and on which he reared his family. He subsequently purchased one hundred and twelve acres additional, making a total of two hundred twenty-seven and one-half acres of good land. He succeeded through his own individual ef-



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forts and became one of the leading farmers of his township. His death occurred here in 1887, at the early age of forty-six years. His widow survived until 1911, dying at the age of sixty-seven years. He held various township offices and both were members of the Baptist church. They were the parents of only two children, Sumner, who lives in the city of Flint, and William H., of this review. Ira J. and Ruth Horton, the paternal grandparents of these children, were natives of New York state, whence they came to Genesee county, Michigan, in an early day and located on a farm in Genesee county, taking up government land, living in a rude log cabin for some time. They cleared and developed their land and finally established a comfortable home, in which they spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring at the age of sixty-three years. They were the parents of five children, namely: Mary, Newman, Carlton, Marvin and Charles. The maternal grandparents, Jonathan Frost and wife, were also natives of the state of New York. They were pioneers in Genesee county, Michigan, locating on a farm in Atlas township, where they spent the rest of their lives, her death occurring in middle life, his at a later period. They were parents of four children, Etta, Rhoda, Emily and Ephraim. Grandfather Frost was twice married, the last time to a Mrs. Haws, to which union one child was born, Jennie Frost.

William H. Horton was reared on his father's farm in Atlas township, attended the district schools, also the Goodrich high school and, later, a business college in Flint. Two years after that he began learning the jeweler's trade and in 1890 established a business of his own at Clarkston, Michigan, remaining there six and one-half years, then went on the road, traveling for a jewelry house for fifteen years. During that period he was interested in a jobbing business in Detroit—whole jewelry. In 1909 he sold out and came to Flint, where he has since resided, although he continued to travel two years for a Chicago house. He then began the manufacture of steel tapes and rules in Flint, which he followed three years, selling out in the spring of 1914, and the following October bought his present jewelry business at No. 403 South Saginaw street, which he has since conducted in a highly satisfactory manner, enjoying a good trade. He carries a large and carefully-selected stock of jewelry, such as is found in modern jewelry establishments, and also maintains well-equipped watch manufacturing and repair departments, as well as an optical department.

Mr. Horton was married, October 19, 1890, to Pearl Smith, a daughter of Hiram V. and Emma (Slade) Smith, who now live in Lansford, North Dakota, and were parents of three children, Pearl, Nellie and Wilfred. The

paternal grandparents, James Smith and wife, had four children, Hiram, Frank, Nellie and May, and the maternal grandparents, Luther Slade and wife, had two children, Emma and Will. Mrs. Pearl Horton was a native of Bay City, Michigan. She was a member of the Episcopal church. Her death occurred in April, 1906, at the age of thirty-three years. On October 31, 1909, Mr. Horton married for his second wife, Mrs. Alice Swinler, widow of Edward Swinler and a daughter of John K. and Julia (Putnam) Van Tine. She was born in Flint, Michigan, where her parents were early settlers, her father dealing in farm implements here for many years, and here his death occurred in 1914, at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Van Tine survives. To these parents three children were born, Frank, Edith and Alice. The paternal grandparents of these children, John Van Tine and wife, were early settlers in Genesee county, as were also the maternal grandparents, the Putnams.

To Mr. Horton's first union two children were born, Beatrice and Marjorie. To his second union one child has been born, Alice Katherine.

Politically, Mr. Horton is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar; Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Saginaw; also to Bay City Consistory, being a thirty-second-degree Scottish-Rite Mason. Mrs. Horton belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM H. LAHRING.

Although many believe to the contrary, "luck" plays a very unimportant part in the average man's career. We generally like to excuse our own shortcomings and account for the success of other men on the ground of "luck." A fertilized soil, rotation of crops, well-fenced land, intelligently-tilled fields, well-kept machinery, painted houses, convenient outbuildings and blooded live stock are not the result of luck unless hard work, persistently and intelligently directed, can be characterized as luck. William H. Lahring, owner of "Sunnyside Farm," a fine place in Argentine township, this county, has not depended on luck, but on industry and the exercise of sound judgment for his success in life. He was born on the above-mentioned farm, November 8, 1870, and is a son of Lewis and Sally (Whitehead) Lahring. The father was born in Germany, where he lived until he

was twelve years of age, when his widowed mother brought him to America. After spending a short time in the state of New York they came to Michigan, locating near Holly, in Oakland county. They landed in this country with little capital and had to work hard to get a start. Lewis Labring presently came to Genesee county and bought the farm in Argentine township, which his son, William H. Lahring, now owns, becoming owner of three hundred and twenty acres there. About five years after locating there he married Sally Whitehead and they spent the rest of their lives on that place, his death occurring at the age of eighty-four years. To these parents six children were born, three of whom died in infancy, and one after reaching maturity, the only one now living besides the subject of this sketch being Luella J., wife of Ralph Collins, of Argentine township, this county.

William H. Lahring grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. He remained on the homestead which he now owns, and which consists of four hundred acres, well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, and on which he carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. The place is known as "Sunnyside Farm."

In December, 1897, William H. Lahring was married to Belle Wood and to this union three children have been born. Caleb Lewis, Sally N. and Catherine Ellen.

Mr. Lahring is living in the village of Byron, just across the line in Shiawassee county. He votes independently. He formerly served two years as township treasurer. Fraternally, he is a member of Byron Lodge No. 80, Free and Accepted Masons; Diamond Chapter No. 139, Royal Arch Masons, and of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Owosso.

WALTER MORRISON.

Farmers as a class are intelligent, industrious and economical, and many of them are men of good business judgment. Further, those who have made a thorough study of the business side of farming know that it is not an easy matter to make money on the farm. Walter Morrison, a farmer of Clayton township, this county, looks well to the financial end of farming. He was born in Maple Grove township, Saginaw county, Michigan, August 15, 1876, and is a son of Frank and Emma (Flint) Morrison. The father was born in County Antrim, in the north of Ireland,

from which country he immigrated to America when a young man—eighteen years of age—locating near Buffalo, New York, where he worked on a farm and in the winter time attended an academy in Buffalo. He received a good education, and remained in the state of New York six or seven years, then came to Michigan, locating in Maple Grove township, Saginaw county, when that locality was a vast forest, with only a clearing here and there. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres, which he cleared and improved in general, erecting a dwelling and suitable outbuildings, but presently sold that place and moved to a farm in that same township, where he spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of six children, five of whom are still living.

Walter Morrison grew up on the home farm. He received a good common-school education and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, when he moved to Venice township, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, where he worked on a farm for two years; then worked in the town of Flint one year, at the end of which time he returned to country life, buying a farm of one hundred and ten acres in Clayton township, this county, where he has spent the past twelve years, and where he has been engaged in general farming and stock raising. His place is known as "Fairview Farm" and is well located and well tilled.

On June 19, 1901, Walter Morrison was married to May Augsburg, a daughter of Hiram and Addie (Williams) Augsburg, a well known family of Genesee county, where Mrs. Morrison grew to womanhood and was educated. Politically, Mr. Morrison is a Democrat. He served as township treasurer for two years, also three years as township clerk, and he has been supervisor since 1914, which office he still holds. As a public servant he has discharged his duties in an able and satisfactory manner. Fraternally, he is a member of Lennon Lodge No. 537, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JOHN H. HOUTON, M. D.

Dr. John H. Houton, well-known physician at Flushing, is a native of Michigan, born near Dearborn, in Wayne county, May 20, 1875, son and only child of Henry and Mary (Stevenson) Houton, both now deceased. Henry Houton was a native of Kentucky, a shoemaker by trade. He lived to be about forty years of age and spent most of his active life in Detroit, Michigan. Mary Stevenson was born in Ohio and was married in Michigan.

Doctor Houton received excellent scholastic training for the practice of his profession. He obtained his early schooling in the Wayne county public schools and at the St. Johns high school, later attending school in Detroit and afterward entering medical college. He completed the course and was graduated from the Michigan College of Medicine and Surgery in 1904. In that same year he located at Flushing, where he ever since has been engaged in the practice of his profession and has been quite successful. On June 3, 1903, he was married to Lillian May James, who was born at Little Current, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, November 25, 1881.

Doctor Houton was an interne at the emergency hospital for fourteen months and worked his way through school entirely. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge and the chapter in Flushing. He has an elegant home in Flushing, one of the finest houses in the town.

CHARLES B. SIEGEL.

Charles B. Siegel, a prominent farmer and breeder of Durham cattle, lives on his ninety-acre farm, four miles west of Flint, known as "Maple Rest Farm." Mr. Siegel was born in Flint township on March 15, 1872, and is the son of Christian and Augusta (Schimmick) Siegel, both natives of Germany, born near the river Rhine. Both grew up in their native country and were married there. Before coming to the United States in 1870, Christian Siegel served three years in the German army. Upon coming to this country they located in Flint, where Mr. Siegel worked for a year in a sawmill, after which he was with William Comfort for a year on a farm in Flint township. He then rented a farm for twenty years, at the end of which time he purchased the farm now owned by Charles B. Siegel and it was there that he and his wife both died some years later. Augusta Siegel died in 1892 and Christian Siegel on March 5, 1909. After the death of his first wife Mr. Siegel married Maggie Frayner, who still lives in Clayton township.

Christian and Augusta Siegel were the parents of the following children: Charles B., the subject of this sketch; Emma, the wife of Philip Bobine, of Flint; Otto, Fred, Edward, Birt and William, all of Flint; John, who died in infancy; Lewis, who lives in St. Johns, and Ida, who is the wife of George McClinchey, of Flint.

Charles B. Siegel grew to manhood on the farm where he now resides,

and received his education in the schools of Flint township. He remained at home until June 3, 1891, at which time he married Angie, daughter of Sebina Bockway and wife, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Canada. To that union two children were born, Alma May, the wife of Ernst Burseson, of Swartz Creek, this county, and Mildred, who lives with her sister. The mother of these children died on December 22, 1912, and on November 17, 1914, Mr. Siegel married Mrs. Ethel Isabelle (Northcott) Miller, who was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, on the farm where Purdue University is now located, a daughter of David Jennings and Mary Jane (Oden) Northcott. She lived there until she was eight years of age, when the family moved to Big Rapids, this state, where she lived for seven years, or until the death of her mother. She then became a resident of Bay City, where she married W. J. Miller and lived for seven years, after which she came to Flint, where she lived until her marriage to Mr. Siegel. By her first marriage Mrs. Siegel is the mother of the following children: Louise, the wife of W. G. Crawford of Flint; Richard R., Irene, William W. and Leona A.

Charles B. Siegel is a Republican and has served his township as highway commissioner for two terms. For more than twenty years he has operated a threshing outfit in his neighborhood during the seasons.

ADELBERT W. CARRIER.

Only the most practical and experienced farmers are making any considerable profit out of their business. Some even contend that most of the money made on the farm in recent years has been made, not by farming, but by the rise of prices on farm lands. Adelbert W. Carrier, of Clayton township, this county, is making general farming pay, for he employs the most modern methods of management. He was born in Gaines township, this county, May 7, 1867, a son of George L. and Mariah W. (Warner) Carrier. The father was a native of the state of New York and there spent his early life, coming to Michigan when a young man, locating in Genesee county before the time of the Civil War. During the war he enlisted in Company K, Fifth Michigan Cavalry, serving almost the entire duration of the conflict, at the close of which, having made an excellent record, he was honorably discharged. Returning to Genesee county he married Mariah W. Warner, a native of Plymouth, Michigan, who had moved with her parents to

Gaines township, this county, when a girl. She received a good education and taught seventeen terms of school in Gaines township and in Vernon township over the line in Shiawassee county.

George L. Carrier finally settled on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, where the town of Duffield now stands, and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring on December 11, 1877. His widow survived thirty-seven years, dying at an advanced age on February 18, 1914. To these parents five children were born, namely: Adelbert W., the subject of this sketch; A. G., who lives at Duffield, this county; Mary A., who married Archie L. Scott, of Flint, and who died in November, 1913; Fred J., who lives in San Francisco, California, and Lyman, who lives in Washington, D. C., where he is employed in the government service.

Adelbert W. Carrier grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools of Gaines township. He left home when nineteen years of age and worked out as a farm hand awhile. On March 16, 1897, he married Lillian S. Woods, a daughter of Edward C. Woods, a well known farmer of this locality. After his marriage Mr. Carrier lived one year at Duffield, then moved to Saginaw county, buying a farm there, on which he lived until 1912, when he moved to his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Clayton township, Genesee county, which place he has improved in an up-to-date manner. He raises considerable live stock in connection with general farming.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carrier, Claude W., Delbert L. and Lester C. Politically, Mr. Carrier is a Republican, but is not very active in public affairs. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 537, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Lennon, and is also a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

AUGUST C. STEINDAM.

August C. Steindam, a well-known and substantial farmer of Flint township, this county, and highway commissioner for that township, is a native of Prussia, but has been a resident of this country since he was fifteen years of age, at which time, in 1881, his parents, Frederick and Mary (Sells) Steindam, also natives of Prussia, came to the United States with their family and settled on a farm in Ottawa county, Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of three children, Minnie,

the wife of William Milbroth, of Ottawa county, Ohio; William A., a farmer in that same county, and August C.

Born on August 8, 1866, August C. Steindam was about fifteen years of age when he came to this country with his parents in 1881. He remained on the farm in Ohio with his parents until he was nineteen years old, when, in 1885, he came to Michigan and located at Flint, where he was employed in the factory of Durant and Dort for five years, at the end of which time he began working on the Langgrith farm in Flint township, the farm on which he now lives and where his wife was born, and after awhile assumed the management of the farm, operating the same on a sharing basis, and after his marriage established his home there and has since lived there, long having been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that neighborhood. Mr. Steindam is a Republican and has long given close attention to local political affairs. In 1913 he was elected highway commissioner for Flint township, and has since been serving in that important public capacity.

On December 20, 1899, August Steindam was married to Grace Langgrith, who was born on the farm on which she still lives, September 30, 1865, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Burton) Langgrith, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of whom was born on the ocean while her parents were on their way to this country from England. She was reared on the same farm in Flint township and received her schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Steindam are members of the Lutheran church, and take a warm interest in the various beneficences of same, as well as in all neighborhood good works, and are helpful in the work of promoting all measures having to do with the advancement of general conditions in their home community. Mr. Steindam is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and takes an active interest in the affairs of both of these organizations.

WILLIAM VERNON SMITH.

William Vernon Smith, a well-known attorney-at-law at Flint, with offices in the Paterson building, and one of the most competent authorities on the history of the Indians in the state of Michigan, is a native of the Empire state, having been born in Yorkshire, Cattaraugus county, New York, August 6, 1857. He is a son of Buel G. and Lucy E. (Thornton) Smith, both natives of that same state, who were the parents of eight children who grew to maturity, of whom the subject of this sketch was the



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William V. Smith

fifth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Emma, wife of Chester C. Pingrey, of Delevan, New York; Lydia H., deceased, who was the wife of Dr. Francis J. Cheney; Rev. Buel R. Smith, pastor of a Baptist church at Tully, New York; Flora E., wife of Mason C. Langmade, of East Turora, New York; Jasper E., of Olean, New York; Jessie E., wife of Edward Rowland, of Franklinville, New York, and Cora E., widow of Byron C. Pingrey, of New York City, a teacher of biology.

Buel G. Smith was the son of Reuben and Lydia (Remington) Smith, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Vermont, who spent their last days in Cattaraugus county, New York. They were the parents of four children, Enos, Henrietta, Buel G. and one who died in infancy, and the first two of whom died unmarried. Reuben Smith was one of the eleven children born to Abraham and Delilah (Willey) Smith, the former a son of Abraham Smith, a soldier of the American Revolution, and the latter a daughter of Barnabus Willey, also a Revolutionary soldier. The younger Abraham Smith also served in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War, he and his father being members of the same company and regiment. Buel G. Smith was reared on the home farm in Cattaraugus county, New York, and during his young manhood was a school teacher. After his marriage he engaged in farming in his home county and was thus engaged the rest of his life, his death occurring when he was sixty-two years of age. He was active in public affairs and had held various township offices. He and his wife were active members of the Universalist church. His widow survived him many years, being eighty-four years of age at the time of her death. She was a daughter of Richard and Eleanor (Wood) Thornton, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Vermont, both of whom spent their last days in Cattaraugus county, New York, he dying at the age of seventy-six years and she at the age of ninety-five. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Miranda, wife of Stephen Langmade; Phoebe, wife of Ezekiel Pierce; Richard, Samuel, Lucy E., and Emeline and Adaline, twins, both of whom died in young womanhood. Richard Thornton was a son of Samuel Thornton, a Revolutionary soldier, a native of Massachusetts and a direct descendant of the John Thornton, who was one of the co-laborers with Roger Williams in the founding of the Providence Plantations. His wife's father, Barnard Wood, also was a Revolutionary soldier, the family of Buel G. Smith thus having an unusual number of lines of Revolutionary descent.

William V. Smith was reared on the paternal farm in Cattaraugus
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county, New York. He supplemented his schooling in the district schools by a course in Tenbroeck Academy and then taught school for seven terms, after which he entered upon the study of law and on June 17, 1881, at Buffalo, New York, was admitted to the bar. He opened an office for the practice of his profession at Olean, the chief city in his native county, and for twenty-five years was engaged in practice there. In the fall of 1905 Mr. Smith came to Michigan and located at Flint, where he has since been engaged in practice. Mr. Smith is an "independent" as to his political views. During his residence at Olean he served as a member of the school board and was also a member of the civil service commission while there.

William V. Smith is the author of the ethnographic chapters of this history. Mr. Smith is a member of the Seneca nation of Indians by adoption and his Indian name is Gar-ay-gar-yo. In the illustration accompanying this sketch he holds a Ga-go-sa, or medicine face of the Senecas. The one illustrated is one of three or four known antiques in existence. A great many traditions and a great many folk tales of the Iroquois refer to these symbols of the "flying faces" that are often seen by the Indians in the sky, and are ominous of good or evil fortune. Those with the red face and regular features are promises of good, and those with black cheeks, irregular features and distorted mouths are ominous of impending evil. It is thought that the chapters of this history relative to aboriginal occupancy of Genesee county, and incidentally of eastern Michigan, are the most complete and reliable that have appeared in any history of the region in question.

On November 16, 1881, William V. Smith was united in marriage to Dora E. Allen, who was born in the village of Machias, Cattaraugus county, New York, December 28, 1857, daughter of Andrew and Elvira (Bush) Allen, natives of New York state, both of whom are now deceased, who were the parents of five children, one son and four daughters. Of these children, Mrs. Smith was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Richard Allen, who married Minerva Wilder; Rene, wife of George E. Spring; Alta L., wife of Harold S. King, and Lina M., unmarried. Andrew Allen was one of the five children born to his parents, Cheney and Jane (Lytle) Allen, natives of New York state, and his wife was one of the six children born to her parents, Samuel S. and Maria (Marvin) Bush, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New York.

To William V. and Dora E. (Allen) Smith two children have been born, Elizabeth Allen Smith, a teacher in the Flint high school, who was

graduated from the Olean high school and Cornell University and is now taking a post-graduate course in the University of California, and Allen T. Smith, a graduate of the Flint high school and of the law department of the University of Michigan, who is now conducting an advertising agency in Flint. Mr. and Mrs. Smith attend the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in the various social and cultural activities of their home town. Mr. Smith is a member of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

DELOS ERNEST NEWCOMBE.

Delos Ernest Newcombe, city clerk of Flint, whose popularity in his home community is attested by the fact that he has been successively re-elected to that office since 1902, is a native son of Flint and has lived in that city practically all his life. He was born on July 22, 1872, son of Thomas and Eliza (Gayton) Newcombe, both natives of England, born in Devonshire, who came to this country on their wedding trip in 1849 and settled at Flint, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Not long after locating at Flint Thomas Newcombe was made sexton of Glenwood cemetery, a position he held for some years, at the end of which time he bought a farm of eighty acres in Burton township, which he operated, although continuing to make his home in Flint. He and his wife lived to ripe old ages and died within two days of each other, her death occurring on February 25, 1903, she then being seventy-seven years of age, and his, February 27, of that same year, he then being eighty-two years of age. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch is now the only one living in this county, the others being as follow: Henrietta, deceased, who was the wife of C. E. Baldwin; Frederick C., of Ann Arbor, this state; Herbert G., of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and five who died young.

Following his graduation from the Flint high school in 1890 Delos E. Newcombe became employed in the office of the *Flint Globe* and went on up, through the circulation department, to the position of bookkeeper and then city editor of that paper. From the *Globe* he went to the *Detroit Journal*, but presently was called back to Flint to take charge of the circulation department of the *Daily News* and was thus connected with that paper until his election to the office of city clerk in April, 1902. In 1903 he was re-elected and since that date Mr. Newcombe has been appointed city clerk each year

by the common council and during that long period of public service has done much for the advancement of the general interests of his native town. He is a Republican and has given close attention to the political affairs of the city and county.

On November 15, 1899, Delos E. Newcombe was united in marriage to Maud E. Sanders, who was born at Flint in March, 1870, daughter of David H. and Eugenia A. (Farley) Sanders, natives of New York state, who came to Michigan many years ago and are still living at Flint, Mr. Sanders being a retired merchant of that city. Mrs. Newcombe is the only survivor of the four children born to her parents, her sister, Ella, having died at the age of seventeen years and two brothers in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe three children have been born, Gayton, Alletta and Delos Ernest, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Newcombe is a Scottish Rite Mason, affiliated with the consistory at Detroit through membership in Genesee Lodge No. 174 at Flint, and is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

GEORGE E. TAYLOR.

Like so many of the representative citizens of Genesee county, George E. Taylor, well known farmer of Argentine, came from the state of New York. He had the sagacity to see in this locality the splendid opportunities for the agriculturist, and by industry and good management he has succeeded admirably in his chosen vocation. He was born in Genesee county, New York, May 16, 1859, and is a son of George and Mary (Altoff) Taylor. The father was born in Lincolnshire, England, and when a young man came with his parents to the United States, the family settling in the state of New York, where the parents spent the rest of their lives. Mary Altoff, also a native of Lincolnshire, England, was a young girl when she came with her parents to the United States, the family also locating in the state of New York, where the parents spent their last days. After their marriage George and Mary Taylor settled in Genesee county, New York, where they remained fifteen years, removing with their family in 1868, to Oakland county, Michigan, living at Fenton, but operating a farm just over the line in Oakland county, about nine years; then moved to Genesee county. Upon moving to this county George Taylor rented the Leonard farm in Argentine township for ten years, then bought a farm of about three hundred acres, on which

he spent the rest of his life, dying on May 4, 1904. His widow survives and lives in Argentine village. He became prosperous and owned a total of six hundred and twenty acres. He engaged in farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, shipping large numbers of sheep to market annually. His family consisted of six children, namely: Eliza, who makes her home with her mother; Martha, the wife of C. L. Hudson, of Holly; George E., the subject of this sketch; Albert, who died when eighteen months of age; William, who lives in Argentine village, and Alice, the wife of Frank Sutherland, of Flint.

George E. Taylor grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools and in Fenton. He lived at home until December 14, 1882, when he married Flora Baxter, who was born in Oakland county, this state. After their marriage they rented the Leonard place in Argentine township, for five years, although Mr. Taylor had purchased one hundred and ninety acres about that time, which place he still owns and on which he resided until 1905, when he moved to Argentine village where he has since resided, owning a fine home there. He has managed well and employed modern methods in his general farming and stock-raising business and now owns three hundred acres in one place on the state road west of Argentine, also another of two hundred and twenty acres near the village.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor one child has been born, a son, Adelbert E. Taylor, who received excellent educational advantages, having passed through the grade schools and the Linden high school and then taking a business course at Ypsilanti Normal. He married Vera Austin, a daughter of B. J. Austin, of Argentine, and now lives on one of his father's farms.

Mr. Taylor is a Democrat and has long been active in local politics. He was township treasurer for two years, highway commissioner for two years, justice of the peace one term and has also served on the township board of review. He is a member of the Argentine Gleaners, and of the Knights of the Maccabees.

OSCAR WILLIAM MORRISH.

In connection with general farming, many farmers are now specializing in some one crop or on some specific breed of live stock, and they often become experts in their chosen line. They ought to be made the experts or advisers of their communities, so that their skill can be brought onto all

the farms of their vicinity. If this plan could be carried out, better and larger crops would be raised, as well as a finer and more profitable grade of live stock. Oscar William Morrish, of Clayton township, this county, makes a specialty of thoroughbred Durham and Jersey cattle and has done much to encourage the breeding of better cattle in this county. He was born on the farm where he still lives on October 29, 1867, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Brown) Morrish, and a grandson of Thomas Morrish, Sr., a pioneer of this region, who was a native of Devonshire, England, and who brought his family to the United States when his son, Thomas, was nine years of age, the family locating in Clayton township, this county, when the country roundabout was practically a wilderness. They cleared a farm, erected primitive buildings and there the grandfather spent the rest of his life, becoming well-to-do through his industry and good management. He was something of a financier. He learned the carpenter's trade when a young man, which vocation he followed more or less for many years. Thomas Morrish, Jr., grew up on the home farm in Clayton township and attended the early-day district schools. He began working out as a farm hand during the summer when thirteen years old, but continued in school in winter time. He was a well-read man, having continued practically a student all his life. When a young man he purchased seventy-four acres, which he moved onto at the time of his marriage. His first union was with Dimis Calkins, a sister of Daniel Calkins, her family having come to Genesee county in 1840, settling on what is now the Calkins farm. To Mr. Morrish and his first wife two children were born, Wilbur, who died in Wyoming in 1911, and Eunice, who died in infancy. The second wife of Thomas Morris was Sarah Brown, a native of Genesee county, her parents having located here in an early day, coming from the state of New York. Three children were born to the second marriage, namely: Arza, who lives in Portland, Oregon; Oscar W., the subject of this sketch, and Irving, who was killed while working in the woods.

Oscar W. Morrish grew up on the home farm and received a common-school education. When twenty-two years of age he went to Portland, Oregon, and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres near there and remained on the land until 1901, when he returned to Genesee county. He owns one hundred and twenty acres in section 7, Flint township, and is also looking after seventy-two acres in section 1, Clayton township, which belongs to his brother. He keeps a fine herd of thoroughbred Durham cattle and a high grade of Jersey cattle.

In Oregon, in 1898, Oscar W. Morrish was married to Mrs. Maud

(Dixon) Bowman, a daughter of Henry Dixon, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Thomas, who is attending school; Sarah, who died when two years of age; Ruth and Rena, twins, who are attending school, and Wilbur, the baby. By her first marriage Mrs. Morrish is the mother of a son, George H. Bowman, who is at home.

Politically, Mr. Morrish is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons at Flushing and of the Maccabees lodge.

J. R. CLARK.

J. R. Clark, commissioner of highways of Argentine township, this county, and one of the best-known and most progressive farmers of that part of the county, owner of a fine farm of ninety acres situated on rural route No. 2, out of Linden, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life, a continuous resident of Genesee county since the days of his infancy. He was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Lapeer, October 22, 1877, son of James B. and Lucy (Converse) Clark, the former of whom was born in that same county and the latter at Ashtabula, Ohio, who were married in Michigan and began housekeeping in Lapeer county, where they lived until they came to Genesee county in April, 1878, settling on a farm in Argentine township, where James B. Clark spent the remainder of his life, a useful and influential citizen, his death occurring in 1909, and where his widow is still living. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Nina M., who was graduated from the Fenton Normal School, then became a graduate nurse and is now pursuing her profession at Benton Harbor; Gertrude B., who is at home with her mother, and Vern D., a resident of Byron, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee.

J. R. Clark was but six months old when his parents came to Genesee county from Lapeer county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Argentine township, receiving his schooling in the district schools in that neighborhood and supplementing the same by a course in the commercial department of the Valparaiso (Indiana) University, following which for three years he was connected with a construction company at Chicago. After his marriage in 1900 he established his home on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there ever since, he and his family being very pleasantly situated. He has done well in his farming operations and his

farm is well improved and profitably cultivated. Mr. Clark is a Republican and for two years served as treasurer of his home township. In 1913 he was elected highway commissioner for the township and is still serving in that capacity.

Mr. Clark has been married twice. On January 1, 1900, he was united in marriage to Sadie Hatt and to that union two sons were born, J. B. and Ernest. The mother of these children died on May 9, 1904, and on December 23, 1913, Mr. Clark married Elsie Hutchison, to which union one child has been born, a son, Howard A., born in 1914. The Clarks have a very pleasant home and take a proper part in the general social activities of their neighborhood, helpful in the work of promoting all agencies for the advancement of the welfare of the community in which they live. Mr. Clark is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, a member of the "blue" lodge at Byron and of the chapter and the commandery at Fenton, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

WILLIAM W. MOUNTAIN.

For many years William W. Mountain, president and general manager of the Flint Varnish Works, has been regarded by the people of Genesee county as one of the most progressive business men of the city of Flint, whose interests he has ever had at heart and sought to promote in every legitimate way possible.

Mr. Mountain was born at Howell, Livingston county, Michigan, November 2, 1862. He is a son of Robert S. and Cecelia (Purden) Mountain, both natives of the state of New York, where they spent their earlier years. They removed to Michigan in an early day, being among the pioneers of Livingston county, where Mr. Mountain engaged in contracting for many years, finally removing to Logansport, Indiana, where his death occurred in 1898, at the age of fifty-five years. During the Civil War he enlisted in a Michigan regiment and saw over three years service in the Union army. His widow died in Indiana in 1903. To these parents three children were born.

William W. Mountain, who was the eldest child, grew to manhood in Livingston county and received a good practical education in the schools of Howell, later entering DePauw University of Indiana, from which he was graduated. Upon leaving college he entered the varnish business as salesman for the Murphy Varnish Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and he has practi-



W. W. Mountain,

cally known no other line of business, the various phases of which he mastered in a comparatively short time. After remaining with the above-named concern for a period of seven years, as salesman, he accepted a position as manager of the varnish department of the Sherwin-Williams Company, the famous paint and varnish manufacturers of Cleveland, which position he held until his removal to Flint, Michigan, where he found similar employment with the Flint Varnish Works. He gave eminent satisfaction to all three concerns and from salesman he was promoted to various positions until he became president and general manager of a million-dollar corporation, which position he now holds. He has greatly improved the local plant in its various departments and inaugurated new and better systems, vastly increasing the business of the concern the past few years.

The Flint Varnish Works is one of the best known manufacturing concerns of its kind in the country and is one of the largest industries in southern Michigan. Its paid-up capital is one million dollars and the annual value of its products will more than double that amount. The factory is modern in every detail, up-to-date apparatus having been installed in every department, and every possible attention given to the health and welfare of the one hundred and sixty persons employed in the plant, sixteen in the office staff and eighteen on the sales force. The factory covers several blocks and is composed of substantial, convenient four-story brick and concrete buildings, supplied with excellent railroad facilities for the distribution of its products, which are of such a superior quality that they find a very ready market over a very extensive territory.

Mr. Mountain was married at Howell, Michigan, April 19, 1892, to Julia Huck, a daughter of Leonard Huck and wife, the father being now deceased. The family was long prominent at West Howell, where Mrs. Mountain grew to womanhood. She was given excellent educational advantages.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Mountain has been graced by the birth of two children, namely: Mrs. Maude Edgecomb, who was born in Howell, lives in Flint, and has one child, William B. Edgecomb, and Grace M. Mountain, born at Connersville, Indiana, who was graduated from Akeley Hall, Grand Haven, and later attended Thomas's Training School in Detroit. Both these daughters have received careful home and educational training and are favorites with the circles in which they move.

Politically, Mr. Mountain is a Republican, standing for clean politics and good men in office. He is prominent in the Masonic order, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite; he is also a Knight

Templar, a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is exalted ruler of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WILBERT E. MORRISH.

One of the successful farmers of Clayton township who adopts twentieth-century methods is Wilbert E. Morrish, who, unlike many of his contemporaries, has been content to remain in his native locality, believing, and rightly, too, that as good opportunities existed at his very door as anywhere. He was born on the farm where he still lives, March 6, 1860, and is a son of William and Caroline (Calkins) Morrish. The father was born in Devonshire, England, and when about eight years of age he came with his father, Thomas Morrish, to the United States, proceeding at once to Michigan and locating in Clayton township, Genesee county, one mile north of the present Morrish farm, and there Thomas spent the rest of his days and William grew to manhood. After his marriage William Morrish settled on wild land, which he cleared. The farm then consisted of sixty acres, but was later added to until he owned one hundred acres. His wife, Caroline Calkins, was born in the state of New York, and when a girl came with her parents to Michigan, the family settling in Genesee county, where she grew up. William Morrish and wife spent their married life on the home farm there, his death occurring in 1879. She passed away in 1867. Five children were born to them, namely: Ida A., who is the wife of Doctor Beals, a physician of New Mexico; Wilbert E., the subject of this sketch; Arthur W., who is a large ranchman at Ft. Collins, Colorado; Sydney J., who is engaged in the hardware business in Oberlin, Kansas, and Dimis C., who lives in Deming, New Mexico.

Wilbert E. Morrish lived on the home farm until he was nineteen years old, being for some time in charge of the same, and received his education in the district schools and in the Flint high school. On October 28, 1887, he married Alice E. Vernon, a daughter of Enoch and Hannah Vernon, both natives of England, who came to Michigan when young and located in Genesee county, where they married, and established their home in Flushing township, where Enoch Vernon spent the rest of his life and where his widow is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Morrish three children have been born, one of whom died in early life, and Iva G. and Vernon W. Iva G. Morrish, who married W. C. Thatcher, of Clayton township, was

well educated, her schooling including a course in the county normal, and she taught four terms of school in Clayton township. Vernon W. Morrish was graduated from the Flushing high school, after which he took a two-year course in the Michigan Agricultural College. He now lives on the home farm, which he helps to operate. He married Florence E. Whitney, a graduate of the Swartz Creek high school, who later was graduated from the county normal, after which she taught one year in Clayton township and one year in Mount Rose township.

Wilbert E. Morrish owns a well-improved and productive farm of one hundred and forty acres. In connection with his general farming, he makes a specialty of breeding Shropshire sheep and Shorthorn cattle, having kept fancy stock for breeding purposes during the past eighteen years, and has done much to encourage the raising of better live stock in his township.

Mr. Morrish is a Democrat. He was township treasurer for two terms, and from 1894 to 1900, inclusive, was township supervisor. He again served as superintendent in 1901 and 1902. He was at one time nominated by his party for county treasurer and at another time for the office of state representative from this district. He has long been active in public affairs and is one of the leaders of his party in Genesee county. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Flushing Lodge No. 223, and of the chapter of that place.

JOHN A. MILLER.

John A. Miller, one of the well-known and progressive farmers and stockmen of the western part of Genesee county, once a resident and post-master of Swartz Creek, one of the owners of the bank at that place, manager of the Calkins farm, proprietor of considerable real estate interests and otherwise actively identified with the work of developing the community in which he was born and in which he has lived all his life, is a native son of Genesee county, a member in the third generation of the Miller family which was so prominent in the development of the Swartz Creek section of the county in the early days hereabout, and has consequently been a witness to and a participant in the wonderful development that has marked this region within the past half century. He was born on the old Miller farm in Clayton township, January 11, 1865, son of Enos Miller and a grandson of Adam Miller, the latter of whom was the first settler in Clayton township and the founder of the community so long known as the Miller settlement,

the forerunner of the present well-established and prosperous Swartz Creek community.

It was in territorial days, previous to 1836, that Adam Miller came out into the wilds of the then Territory of Michigan and entered from the government a section of land where the village of Swartz Creek is now situated. Others of the same family later came out here from New York, following the example of their pioneer kinsman, and the Miller settlement early took its place as one of the most progressive communities in this part of the state. Adam Miller's family retained its substantial lead in the community and representatives of that family have been leaders in the various activities of that neighborhood to this day. Enos Miller, one of the sons of the pioneer, Adam Miller, had six children, four of his sons, C. J. Miller, W. L. Miller, John A. Miller and A. T. Miller being the founders of the Swartz Creek Bank. John A. Miller grew to manhood on the home farm and married Nellie Calkins, who was born in 1878, the daughter and only child of Daniel E. Calkins, also a member of one of the oldest families in the western part of Genesee county, his father, Caleb Calkins, having come here as early as 1840 and entered the southwest quarter of section 12 in Clayton township, where he became one of the leaders in that community. Daniel E. Calkins was an excellent farmer and stock raiser, a good manager, and became one of the most substantial residents of the county, the owner of as much as five hundred acres of land. His old home farm of three hundred acres in the Swartz Creek neighborhood is now being managed by John A. Miller, who, in addition to his general farming, has for years given much attention to the feeding of cattle and sheep, feeding about two thousand sheep on that place each year. Mrs. Eunice D. Calkins, widow of Daniel E. Calkins, still resides in the family home which she helped to make one of the finest in the county.

In addition to his extensive farming interests and considerable real estate interests, Mr. Miller has for years been interested in the banking business at Swartz Creek, he and his brothers having, in 1906, organized the Swartz Creek Bank, and he retains his interest in that institution, an active member of the board of directors of the same. This bank is a private institution, incorporated with a capital of ten thousand dollars, and the present officary of the same is as follows: President, C. J. Miller; vice-president, Del Davison; cashier, Frank P. Wildman; assistant cashier, Wilbert L. Miller, and directors, Charles Chambers, John A. Miller, Enos M. Miller and A. T. Miller. Mr. Miller is a Republican and during the administration of President Harrison served as postmaster at Swartz Creek. He is a mem-

ber of the Masonic lodge at Swartz Creek and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller six children have been born, Daniel C., Dorothy J., Reo E., John Arthur, Eunice D. and Wilbert E., all of whom are still in school.

CLARENCE THOMAS.

The business of farming is to make the farm produce the utmost possible at the lowest cost, and to be certain of a ready cash market for all that is produced. This, of course, involves care and close attention to the various phases of the occupation. One of the general farmers of Burton township, this county, who seems to understand the true business of farming is Clarence Thomas, who was born in the above-named township and county, on May 1, 1882. He is a son of Edward and Esther (Pratt) Thomas. The father was born in Davison township, Genesee county, and was a son of William Thomas, who was a native of England, from which country he came to America when a boy, nine years old, with his parents, the family coming to Michigan and locating in Davison township, Genesee county, where William Thomas grew to manhood. For a while after their marriage, Edward Thomas and wife lived on a farm which they rented in Burton township, later buying a farm there, and devoted their active lives to general farming. Two children were born to them, Lettie, wife of John Wagner, of Flint, and Clarence L., the subject of this sketch. The mother of these children died in June, 1914.

Clarence Thomas grew up on the home farm, where he worked when a boy, and attended the district schools. When fourteen years of age he started to work out by the month. At the time of his marriage he moved to his father-in-law's farm, on which he still lives. The place consists of eighty acres and is known as "Willow Dale Farm." It is located four and one-half miles from Flint, in section 14 of Burton township. Mr. Thomas has added many important improvements to the place and has made a good living as a general farmer and stock raiser.

On May 23, 1900, Clarence Thomas was married to Mabel Halleck, a daughter of Ransom and Mary J. (Hunt) Halleck. The father was born in New York state, where he was reared and married. Mary Jane Hunt, who was born in England, was ten years old when her parents came to this country, settling in New York state. Three years after their marriage, Ransom Halleck and wife came to Michigan, locating in Richfield township.

this county, where they lived two years, at the end of which time they moved to Burton township where the family has since resided. Mr. Halleck's death occurred in 1889. His widow is still living on the home place, being now well advanced in years. To these parents four children were born, namely: Jessie, who married Charles W. Nash, of Flint, and has three children, Mary E., Lena, and Ruth H.; Florence, who married R. A. Pratt, of Flint, and has two children, Leslie C. and Charles H.; George W., who lives on a farm in Burton township, and Mabel, wife of Mr. Thomas.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas two children have been born, Gertrude L., born on June 1, 1901, now in her second year in the Flint high school, and Earl Dean, born on December 31, 1904, now attending the district school.

Politically, Mr. Thomas is a Republican, and he is active and influential in party affairs. He has served both as county committeeman and as township committeeman, and has been active in local conventions. He has been township treasurer for the past two years, and in the spring of 1916 was nominated for highway commissioner. He was a director in school district No. 9 for six years. He is a member of the Gleaners and of the Grange in Burton township, and is also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 159, at Flint.

WILLIAM J. PUTNAM.

William J. Putnam, postmaster at Goodrich, this county, and one of the best-known and most progressive merchants of that flourishing village, is a native son of that village and has lived there all his life, now representing the third generation of his family engaged in mercantile pursuits there, his grandfather and his father also having been merchants there in their respective generations. Mr. Putnam is descended from the same common stock as that of Gen. Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame, and a history of this family is set out in full in a biographical sketch relating to George F. Putnam, also of Goodrich, elder brother of the subject of this sketch, presented elsewhere in this volume, to which the reader is respectfully referred for additional information in this connection. The first of the family to come to Michigan was William H. Putnam, Sr., for many years affectionately known throughout this section as "Squire Put," who came here in territorial days and later settled at Goodrich, where for years he was engaged in the mercantile business. He was postmaster and justice of the

peace and his son, William H. Putnam, Jr., succeeded him in the ownership of the store and was also postmaster and justice of the peace. William H. Putnam, Jr., married Rhoda A. Frost, daughter of Jonathan Frost, one of the foremost pioneers of the Goodrich neighborhood, a history of which family is set out in detail in a biographical sketch relating to Mrs. Emily (Frost) Goodrich, of Goodrich, aunt of the subject of this sketch, presented elsewhere in this volume, and William J. Putnam was the last born of the four children born to that union.

William J. Putnam was born on July 21, 1884, and grew to manhood in his native village, receiving his schooling in the schools of that town and supplementing the same by a course in the Ferris Institute. When he was twenty-one years of age, in 1905, he and N. S. Strong engaged in the lumber business in the northern peninsula, under the firm name of the Strong Lumber Company, and he was thus engaged until 1909, when he returned to Goodrich and there formed a partnership with Homer W. Day, the partners purchasing the general store of D. M. Sriver, which they since have very successfully conducted. Since taking over that business they have added a general line of agricultural implements to their stock and are doing very well. In 1914 Mr. Putnam was postmaster of Goodrich, the third of his name in successive generations to hold that office, and is now serving the public very acceptably in that capacity.

On September 27, 1915, William J. Putnam was united in marriage to Philena M. Pierson, who also was born in Goodrich, daughter of William S. and Addie (Salisbury) Pierson, both of whom were born in the near vicinity of that village, members of old pioneer families, who are now living in the city of Portland, Oregon. William S. Pierson's father, Deloss Pierson, was born near the city of Rochester, New York, where he grew to manhood and where he married Philena Douglass, who was born in Gorham township, Yates county, New York. In 1856 he and his wife came to Michigan and settled in this county, where they spent the rest of their lives. Deloss Pierson bought a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Atlas township from Levi Preston, one of the first settlers in that section, and lived there until late in life, when he and his wife moved to Flint, where both died in 1904, about seven years later. They had three sons, Sumner H., of Goodrich; Herbert, of Atlas township, and William S. The latter grew to manhood on the home farm in Atlas township and married Addie Salisbury, who also was born in that same township. He followed farming here until about 1902, when he and his wife moved to Portland, Oregon, where they are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam take a farm interest in the general

social and cultural activities of their home village and are among the leaders in all movements having to do with the advancement of the best interests of the community thereabout.

CLINTON ROBERTS.

Clinton Roberts, of the law firm of Black & Roberts, at Flint, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here practically all his life. He was born in the village of Argentine, in the southwestern part of the county, June 21, 1864. He is a son of David N. and Martha (Owen) Roberts, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Michigan, who were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mary, wife of John T. Matthews, of Ithaca, this state. The mother of these children, whose parents were natives of Wales, died in 1868 and David N. Roberts later married Mrs. Eliza Beach, which second union was without issue.

David N. Roberts was reared on a farm in Chemung county, New York, and became a millwright and practical miller. When about twenty-one years of age he came to Michigan and located in the village of Parshallburg, in Livingston county, where he erected a flour-mill which he operated for awhile, presently moving to Deer Creek, where he built the first mill in that place. From there he moved to Argentine, where he owned and operated a mill for a number of years, hauling his flour from there to Detroit by wagon. He then moved to Hartland Center, where he owned and operated a mill until failing sight compelled him to give up the milling business, after which he moved to a farm he had bought years before in Argentine township and there spent his last days, his death occurring in 1892, he then being seventy-two years of age.

Owing to the several changes of residence on the part of his father, Clinton Roberts received his schooling in several different villages. He was graduated from the high school at Fenton and then for several years taught school, devoting his leisure to the study of law, presently pursuing these studies systematically under the preceptorship of James H. McFarlan at Flint and was admitted to the bar in 1886. Mr. Roberts began the practice of his profession at Flint in partnership with Mr. McFarlan and later formed a partnership with George O. Crane, which mutually agreeable association continued until the death of Mr. Crane, after which Mr. Roberts became as-



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sociated in practice with Edward D. Black, under the firm name of Black & Roberts, which association continues.

On May 25, 1897, Clinton Roberts was united in marriage to Lulu Gillis, daughter of Andrew and Marcia (Persons) Gillis, further mention of whom is made a biographical sketch relating to Andrew Gillis, presented elsewhere in this volume, and to that union were born three children, Russell C., David G. and Francis L. The mother of these children died in 1910, at the age of forty-one years, and on June 14, 1912, Mr. Roberts married Mrs. Louisa A. Burns, who was born at Alpena, this state, daughter of William L. Macdonald and wife, the former of whom, a native of Scotland, came to Michigan from Brantford, Canada, and settled in Alpena, where he is still living. Mrs. Roberts is a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Roberts is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, a member of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar. He and his wife reside at No. 615 East Court street, Flint.

WARREN A. ROGERS.

Warren A. Rogers, well-known miller at Genesee, this county, proprietor of the old-established "Genesee Mills" at that place and long one of the leaders in affairs thereabout, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born at Whitesburg on August 14, 1864, son of Isaac O. and Mary S. (Meade) Rogers, natives of New York state and for many years well-known residents of Genesee county, whose last days were spent in the village of Genesee, where for years Isaac O. Rogers operated the mill now owned by his son, the subject of this sketch.

Isaac O. Rogers was born in Genesee county, New York, February 20, 1827, and was left an orphan in his early childhood. He was reared on a farm and when grown left the farm and went into the grinding department of a distillery in the neighborhood of his home and there began his life-long career as a miller, later acquiring further experience in that line in mills at Lockport and at other points thereabout and then came to Michigan, locating in Genesee county. Upon coming here he had a horse and buggy and a watch, which he traded for a farm near Mt. Morris, but he found

his farm under water and presently sold it to Robert Dyball. He then returned to New York and there, on July 10, 1851, married Mary S. Meade, who was born at Alabama Center, Genesee county, that state, March 13, 1833, and shortly after his marriage returned to Michigan, arriving at Flint with his wife, a watch and forty cents in cash. For some time after his return to this county, Mr. Rogers worked in the Hamilton mill at Flint and in the mill at the village of Genesee and then went to work in the mill at Fayville, two miles north of Mt. Morris, later buying that mill and moving the same to Whitesburg, re-erecting it on Bitternut creek, the money for that operation having been furnished him by Mr. Hartson. Mr. Rogers operated the mill at Whitesburg for about ten years and while there made some money. In 1871 he traded the mill to John Hibbard for eighty acres of land and the next year, in the summer of 1872, he went to Genesee, where he and George Lisett bought the mill that had been established there for years. Not long afterward Mr. Rogers bought his partner's interest in the mill and thereafter operated it alone. In 1882 the mill was destroyed by fire, but he rebuilt it better than before and continued operating it until his death, in June, 1889, he then being sixty-two years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave a little more than a year, her death having occurred on March 12, 1888, she then having been fifty-five years of age. Isaac O. Rogers was a Republican from the time of the organization of that party until the organization of the Greenback party, in 1874, when he became affiliated with that party. For some years he served as supervisor of Thetford township and in other ways contributed of his time and service to the public. He was a Royal Arch Mason affiliated with the "blue" lodge and the chapter at Flint, and took much interest in Masonic affairs.

To Isaac O. and Mary S. (Meade) Rogers five children were born, namely: Nancy J., born on August 31, 1856, who died on September 8, of that same year; William O., November 6, 1861, now living at Otter Lake, in the neighboring county of Lapeer; Warren A., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Frank G., merchant and postmaster at Genesee, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and Carrie May, born on July 19, 1870, who died on April 13, 1874. William O. Rogers, now living at Otter Lake, was married on October 4, 1882, to Johanna Clapp, who was born on March 29, 1864, daughter of Horace and Mary J. (Dickerson) Clapp, the former born on October 28, 1835, and the latter, March 17, 1837, who were married on April 6, 1856, and for more than forty years were well-known residents of Genesee township, and to this union five children have been born, as follow: Nellie M., born on

October 18, 1885, who married George Dewey; Claud A., July 20, 1891; Pearl Georgia, March 9, 1894, who died on April 8, of that same year; Otto B., October 17, 1895, who died on September 7, 1896, and Francis A., November 1, 1898.

Warren A. Rogers was but a child when his parents moved to Genesee and he received his schooling in the schools of that village. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued assistant of his father in the work of the mill and upon their father's death he and his brother, William O. Rogers, assumed the management of the mill and continued to operate the same under the firm name of Rogers Brothers, until in April, 1916, when Warren A. Rogers bought his brother's interest in the mill and has since been operating it alone. The Genesee Mills is one of the best-known establishments of its kind in this part of the state and its product is in wide demand. Mr. Rogers makes a specialty of white and regular Graham flours, buck-wheat flour and a special-process flour known as "Breakfast Wheat," which has become widely popular. Mr. Rogers's mill is a burrstone mill, run by water-power, the water confined by the concrete dam across the creek at the point turning five water wheels of thirty horse-power each. Mr. Rogers is a Mason, a member of the lodge of that order at Otisville, and is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, keeper of records in the "tent" of the latter order for five years. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church, in which he has been an office bearer and for many years Sunday school superintendent.

Mr. Rogers has been twice married. It was in November, 1903, that he was united in marriage to Mary Sheldon, who was born in Forest township, this county, and who died on November 1, 1904, eleven months after her marriage, after having given birth to a babe which lived but a short time. On October 26, 1909, Mr. Rogers married Lucy Fitch, who was born in Genesee township, this county, daughter of Edwin H. and Lettie (Ward) Fitch, the former of whom was born at Clinton, this state, July 14, 1837, and the latter in Ohio, November 9, 1841, who married on September 4, 1861, and had seven children, of whom Mrs. Rogers was the last born, the others being Winnie A., Nina, Lena, Cora, Bessie and Archie. Edwin H. Fitch was for more than twenty years a farmer, living near the village of Genesee, until his retirement from the farm and removal to Flint, where he now lives. His wife died on March 29, 1895. Lucy Fitch completed her schooling in Oberlin College and then began teaching in the city schools at Flint, teaching in the Doyle school for one year and six months and in the Walker school for two years and six months, at the end of which time

she went to California and had been teaching in that state for three years at the time of her marriage to Mr. Rogers. To that union three children have been born, Lena Marie, born on October 1, 1910; Kenneth Warren, June 12, 1912, and Catheryn Louise, December 3, 1913.

WALTER DRISS KNICKERBOCKER.

Walter Driss Knickerbocker, supervisor of Mt. Morris township and one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of that part of Genesee county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in section 7, Genesee township, May 18, 1876, son of Walter and Mary (Abram) Knickerbocker, both natives of the state of New York, who spent their last days in this county, both living to ripe old ages, honored and influential residents of the community in which they had lived for many years.

Walter Knickerbocker was born in Dutchess county, New York, April 8, 1822, and lived there until he was sixteen years old, when he came to Michigan, arriving in Genesee county with fifteen cents in his pocket. He worked at various jobs until he was old enough to homestead a tract of land and then "took up" a quarter of a section about the center of Thetford township and proceeded to clear and improve the same. Some time later he sold that quarter section and moved over into Genesee township, where he bought land in section 7 and there, having in the meantime married, established his home and lived many years, buying more land adjoining. He later moved to a farm on section 6 in that same township, where he lived until 1882, when he bought one hundred and sixty acres in section 22, Mt. Morris township, where he erected a fine brick house and there lived the remainder of his life, with the exception of a few years during which he and his wife made their home in Flint, his death occurring at his home in Mt. Morris township on March 1, 1907, he then being eighty-five years of age. Walter Knickerbocker was a Democrat and for many years was one of the leaders of his party in this county. For many years he served as treasurer of Mt. Morris township and in other ways took an active part in local civic affairs. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and ever were accounted among the leaders in good works in their neighborhood. Mrs. Knickerbocker survived her husband about eighteen months, her death occurring on the day before Thanksgiving in 1908, she then being seventy-

three years of age. She was born, Mary Abram, in Lancaster county, New York, January 7, 1835, and came to Genesee county as a school teacher and was teaching school in Mt. Morris township when she married Mr. Knickerbocker. He had been married previously, his first wife, Caroline Slosser, having died leaving two children, Levant and Charles, both of whom are still living. To the second marriage ten children were born, eight of whom lived to maturity, namely: George, who is living in Vienna township, this county; William, who is living at Davison; Jennie, who married George Nichol and died in 1916; Julia, who married Dr. H. R. Niles, of Flint; Mary, who married Charles Cummings, of Flint; Anna, who married B. Jeffries, also of Flint; Walter D., the subject of this biographical sketch, and Herman, who is living at Mt. Morris.

Walter Driss Knickerbocker received his elementary education in the old Beecher district school, supplementing the same by a course in the high school at Flint, after which he spent several years as an able assistant in the work of developing and improving his father's extensive farm lands, later returning to Flint, where he was engaged in scaling lumber for the Randall Lumber Company for eighteen months, at the end of which time he returned home and resumed his place on the farm. There he worked on his own account, with the exception of six months spent in New York state, until his marriage when twenty-five years of age. After his marriage Mr. Knickerbocker established his home on the farm of eighty acres on which he is now living and there he has lived ever since, long having been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that part of the county. In addition to his general farming he has made a specialty of dairy farming and has done very well. His house and farm buildings are modern in construction and equipment and are lighted throughout with electricity. Mr. Knickerbocker is a Democrat and for years has taken an active part in local civic affairs. He is now serving his seventh term as township supervisor and has done excellent work in that capacity. He is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Flint and of the Order of Gleaners in Burton township and takes a warm interest in the affairs of both of these organizations.

Mr. Knickerbocker has been married twice. On February 27, 1901, he was united in marriage to Florence Russell, who was born in Genesee township, this county, February 3, 1878, daughter and only child of John Russell and wife, and who died on February 2, 1906. On March 27, 1907, Mr. Knickerbocker married Emma Marshall, who was born in Bothwell county, Ontario, December 3, 1877, daughter of James and Martha (Simmington)

Marshall, natives of Ireland, who came to the United States after their marriage and settled in New York City, going thence to Canada, where James Marshall was engaged as a farmer and oil-well driller until he came to Michigan with his family and settled on a farm in Burton township, this county, where he lived until his retirement from the farm and removal to Flint, where he died at the age of sixty-seven years and where his widow is still living. James Marshall and wire were the parents of thirteen children, all of whom are living save two, as follow: Martha, who married George Pritchard and is living at Flint; Anna L., who married Will Street, of Flint; Margaret E., widow of Alexander Ball, of Flint; Mary, wife of William Sager, of Flint; William J., of Flint; Sarah R., wife of Evan Richards, of Burton township; Hannah M., who married Carl Ball and is now living in California; Robert, of Manitowoc county, Wisconsin; Edith B., who married Horace Pettis and is living at Toledo, Ohio; Emma D., who married Mr. Knickerbocker, and Viola E., who married Burdette Smith, of Detroit. To Walter D. and Emma D. (Marshall) Knickerbocker two children have been born, Pauline Alice, born on October 7, 1910, and Driss, October 20, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Knickerbocker are members of the Episcopal church at Flint and take an earnest interest in the general good works of the community.

FRED WILLIAM KNAPP.

Fred William Knapp, one of the best-known and most progressive farmers in Davison township, a member of the board of directors of the State Bank of Davison and proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred and sixty acres on rural route No. 10, out of Flint, is a native son of Genesee county, born a short distance east of his present home in Davison township, August 20, 1866, son of Nelson and Marsena (Hill) Knapp, both natives of the state of New York and both for many years well-known and influential residents of Davison township, where their last days were spent.

Nelson Knapp was born on a farm in Porter township, Niagara county, New York, March 15, 1838, son of Caleb and Christina (Frohman) Knapp, and lived there until he had attained his young manhood, when he came to Michigan and located on a farm of one hundred acres in the deep woods in sections 20 and 21 in Davison township, this county, where, with the exception of about thirteen years spent in the village of Davison after he had passed middle age, he spent the rest of his life. When Nelson Knapp took

possession of his farm in Davison township it was a wild wood tract, wholly unimproved. Indians still were living thereabout in those days and wild game was plentiful. He married when he was twenty years of age, not long after coming to this county, and established his home on his woodland tract, which he proceeded to clear and to develop and it was not long until he became recognized as one of the leading pioneers of that section of the county. There he lived for about thirty years, at the end of which time he retired from the farm and moved to the village of Davison, where for thirteen years he made his home; during which time he built and sold a number of houses, and then moved back to his old home farm, where he died five years later, June 12, 1905. His widow survived him less than two years, her death occurring on January 10, 1907. Mrs. Marsena Knapp had lived nearly all her life in Genesee county. She was born in Oakland township, Genesee county, New York, January 6, 1841, daughter of Joseph E. and Sarah (Smith) Hill, who came to Michigan when she was four or five years old and settled in this county. In a biographical sketch relating to Philip Hill, of this county, a brother of Mrs. Knapp, presented elsewhere in this volume, there is set out in detail a further history of the Hill family in this county. To Nelson Knapp and wife four children were born, namely: Truman E., of Davison, this county; Mary S., wife of William O. Myers, of Niagara county, New York; Fred W., the subject of this biographical sketch, and Marsena, wife of Herbert F. Currier, of Davison.

Fred W. Knapp grew up on the old home farm in Davison township and with the exception of two periods of three months each spent in South Dakota, has always lived there. In 1888 he married and began farming for himself on his father's farm, his father having retired and moved to Davison, and has farmed on that land and other land adjoining ever since, being now the owner of two hundred and sixty acres of well-improved land, with four sets of buildings on the same, and has long been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that neighborhood. In connection with his general farming, Mr. Knapp has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, with particular reference to Aberdeen cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs, and has done very well. He also gives some attention to outside business enterprises and is a member of the board of directors of the State Bank of Davison. He is a Democrat and for years has given his close attention to local political affairs. In his fraternal relations, he is affiliated with the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges and with the Grange at Davison, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of these several organizations.

It was in 1888 that Fred W. Knapp was united in marriage to Jennie

S. Blackmore, who also was born in Davison township, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Gillette) Blackmore, a history of which family is set out elsewhere in this volume in a biographical sketch relating to Mrs. Knapp's brother, Fred E. Blackmore, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Nelson Charles Knapp, born on September 16, 1888, who has been farming with his father ever since completing his studies in the Davison high school. In September, 1910, N. C. Knapp married Bertha Tower, who also was born in Davison township, a daughter of Madison Tower and wife, and makes his home on one of his father's farms. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Knapp have as a member of their household Mary Lois Hillier, Mrs. Knapp's niece, whom they have cared for since she was eighteen months old. They also reared George Smith from the days of his childhood until he reached the years of manhood.

CHARLES H. BONBRIGHT.

Although there are no positive rules for achieving success, yet in the life of the successful man there are always lessons which might well be followed. The man who gains prosperity is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that come in his path. Such a gift seems to have been vouchsafed to Charles H. Bonbright, one of the progressive manufacturers of Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Bonbright is a native of Beaver, Pennsylvania, and he is a son of John S. and Eliza S. (Stone) Bonbright, also natives of Pennsylvania, the father growing to manhood in Westmoreland county, where he attended school and engaged in merchandising, principally. Coming west in 1864, he located in Des Moines, Iowa, where he spent the rest of his life, engaged extensively in the wholesale and retail agricultural implement business. His death occurred in that city in 1900, at the age of eighty-one years, his wife preceding him to the grave in 1881, at the age of fifty-three years. He had been previously married and his first wife had borne him two children, Alexander M., who died in 1886, and Daniel. The grandparents of the subject of this sketch, on both sides of the house, were natives of Pennsylvania, where they lived and died. Five children were born to John S. and Eliza S. Bonbright, namely: Stephen S., of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mary J., who remained single and died in early life; Charles H., of this sketch; Anna Myrtle, who married John B. Given, is deceased; Letta E. is the wife of Fred B. Wenger, of Denver, Colorado.

Charles H. Bonbright was reared in Des Moines, Iowa, where he received his education in the public schools, the Des Moines University and the Iowa Agricultural College. He then went to Princeton University, from which he was graduated in 1883. Returning to Des Moines, he became an invoice clerk in that city and six months later went to work for his father in his agricultural implement store. He later became sales manager for the Common Sense Engine Company of Muncie, Indiana; afterward was with Warder, Bushnell, Glessner & Company, of Chicago, for a short time, then accepted a position with the Durant-Dort Carriage Company, of Flint, Michigan, with which he remained for a period of sixteen years. He then organized the Imperial Wheel Company, the Walter Weiss Axle Company, and Imperial Drop Forge Company (Indianapolis), all of which have been very successful. The wheel company employs two hundred and seventy-five people in the manufacture of automobile wheels exclusively. The axle company employs about six hundred men and the forge company one hundred and fifty. Mr. Bonbright is president of the Walker-Weiss Axle Company and Imperial Drop Forge Company and vice-president and general manager of the Imperial Wheel Company, whose pronounced success from the first has been due principally to his sound judgment and keen business acumen.

In partnership with George E. Pomeroy, Mr. Bonbright platted what is known as the Pomeroy & Bonbright addition, first, second and third, to the city of Flint, and they erected a number of houses. He is also interested financially in the automobile industries of Flint and is a director in the Union Trust and Savings Bank, in which he is a stockholder. He has been very successful in a business way and is one of the influential and representative men of affairs of Flint, well known and highly esteemed as a citizen.

Mr. Bonbright was married on May 15, 1890, to Della M. Windus, a daughter of Stephen B. and Sarah (Miller) Windus, who was born in West Liberty, Iowa. She was given educational advantages and is a lady of culture. Her father was a native of England, from which country he came to the United States when young, and here met and married Sarah Miller, who is a native of Pennsylvania. These parents now reside in Des Moines, Iowa. They had five daughters, namely: Eva, deceased; Viola, Della, Catherine and Dorothy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bonbright one son has been born, Carl Windus Bonbright, who was graduated from the Flint high school, also the Kiskiminitas Spring school, and is now a sophomore in Princeton University.

Politically, Mr. Bonbright is a Republican and has long taken an interest in public affairs. He is one of the present police commissioners of Flint.

Fraternally, he belongs to Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Ancient Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; also the Michigan Sovereign Consistory, being a thirty-second-degree Mason. He is a member of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder.

WILLIAM E. WOOLFITT.

William E. Woolfitt, a well-known and progressive farmer and dairyman, of Mt. Morris township, this county, proprietor of a fine farm of three hundred and eighty-six acres not far from the village of Mt. Morris and also actively engaged in the buying and shipping of live stock out of that village, is a native of Genesee county and has lived here most of his life. He was born on a pioneer farm one mile south of the village of Mt. Morris on October 21, 1857, son of John and Jane (Allen) Woolfitt, the former a native of England and the latter of Canada, who were for many years well-known residents of Genesee township, this county, where their last days were spent.

John Woolfitt was born on a farm in the vicinity of the city of Hull, England, May 24, 1804, and lived there until he was twenty-four years old, when he came to the United States, proceeding directly to Michigan, settling in Genesee county in 1833, among the early settlers of this part of the state. He entered a tract of forty acres of government land in section 18 of Genesee township and presently traded one-half of that "forty" for a tract of forty acres situated back of his first forty. Not long after coming to this state John Woolfitt married Jane Allen, who was born in Coburg, Ontario, July 8, 1819, and who was left an orphan at an early age. She was reared by kinsfolk, with whom she came to Michigan, the family settling at Pontiac, and she was working in the household of a family at Pine Run when she married Mr. Woolfitt. To that union nine children were born, all of whom grew to maturity, as follow: Mary Jane, who married Louis Cornwell and is now deceased; Elizabeth, who married Robert Barkley and is also deceased; Eber A., who is living in Mt. Morris township; Caroline, who married Charles Johnson and is now deceased; Charlotte, who married James O. Kingman; Matilda, who married John R. Kingman; Amos, who is living at Bay City; William E., the subject of this biographical sketch, and Emma,

wife of William Curtis. On their pioneer farm in Genesee township John Woolfitt and his wife spent the rest of their lives. They were charter members of the Methodist church in that neighborhood and were long influential in good works. John Woolfitt died in 1888, he then being eighty-four years of age at the time of her death.

William E. Woolfitt was reared on the homestead farm in the vicinity of Mt. Morris, receiving his schooling in the old Beecher district school, assisting in the development of the home place and when twenty-two years of age assumed the general management of the farm, working the same on shares, and was for ten years thus engaged. In the meantime, in 1883, he married and five or six years later, when he was thirty-two years of age, he moved to Clio, where he opened a butcher shop and also engaged in the shipping of live stock. Business did not prosper for him there, however, and four years later, he found that he had lost pretty much all he had, including his farm. He then went to Traverse City, where he entered the employ of the Cornwell Beef Company as a traveling salesman and was thus engaged for four years and six months, at the end of which time, in 1903, he returned to Genesee county and began to work Mrs. Cornwell's farm on shares. Four years later, in the spring of 1907, he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in that same neighborhood from his brother-in-law, Charles Johnson, and there established his home. As he prospered in his farming operations Mr. Woolfitt has added to his land holdings until now he is the owner of three hundred and eighty-six acres of fine land, all of which save eighty acres is under cultivation. For years Mr. Woolfitt has been extensively engaged in the dairy business and has a fine herd of Herefords. Two of his cows have a record of fifty pounds of milk daily, with good butter test, one of these cows having a record of eighteen pounds of butter in seven days. Mr. Woolfitt also does quite a business in the way of shipping live stock and wool from Mt. Morris and is doing very well, long having been regarded as one of the most substantial citizens of that part of the county. He is a Republican and takes a warm interest in local politics, though not an office seeker. He is a member of the Loyal Guard, a charter member of the local branch of that organization at Clio, was paymaster there and in Traverse City, and is now connected with the lodge of the order at Flint.

Mr. Woolfitt has been twice married. It was on November 28, 1883, that he was united in marriage to Anna A. Soper, who was born in Mt. Morris township, this county, and who died in August, 1898, without issue. On March 29, 1900, Mr. Woolfitt married, secondly, Sarah L. Bosworth, who was born in Lorain county, Ohio, November 16, 1857, and whose father

died when she was a child, her mother, Mrs. Sarah Bosworth, later coming with her family to Michigan and settling in Traverse City, where Sarah L. Bosworth grew to womanhood and where she was living when she married Mr. Woolfitt. Mr. and Mrs. Woolfitt are rearing in their pleasant home in Mt. Morris township a little girl, Erma Ridley, who was born in Genesee township. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active interest in the affairs of the same, Mr. Woolfitt being one of the stewards of the church and chairman of the board of trustees of the same.

FRANK G. ROGERS.

Frank G. Rogers, postmaster at Genesee, this county, and for years one of the leading merchants of that village, proprietor of a flourishing general store there, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Whitesburg, November 3, 1866, son of Isaac O. and Mary S. (Meade) Rogers, the former for many years a well-known miller of Genesee county, whose last days were spent at Genesee, where he was the proprietor of the mill now known as the "Genesee Mills," operated and owned by his son, Warren A. Rogers, an elder brother of the subject of this sketch, in a biographical sketch of whom, presented elsewhere in this volume, there is set out in full a history of the Rogers family in this county, to which the reader is respectfully referred in this connection for further details regarding the genealogy of Frank G. Rogers.

Frank G. Rogers was about six years old when his parents moved to Genesee village, where his father conducted the mill until his death, and he grew to manhood there, working in the mill until he was twenty years of age, when he went to Chesaning, in the neighboring county of Saginaw, where for three years he was employed as a clerk in the general stores of John Jackson and G. L. Chapman, after which he went to Saginaw and was there employed in the store of William Berry for two years, at the end of which time he went to Bay City and thence to Trenton. After a year spent in the dry-goods department of John Felter's store in the latter city, Mr. Rogers engaged in the hotel business at Trenton and for two years was proprietor of the Hotel Felder there. He then married and bought the general store of Edward Wooden at Genesee, his home village, taking possession of the same on March 20, 1899, and has ever since been in business there. Mr. Rogers owns the building in which his store is located and car-

ries a general stock of goods, the store being conducted in an up-to-date manner and admirably equipped to meet the demands of the trade in that section of the county. The postoffice at Genesee was located in the Wooden store when Mr. Rogers bought it and when Mr. Wooden resigned as postmaster, upon going out of business, Mr. Rogers was appointed to succeed him, his commission as postmaster being dated April 1, 1899, and he ever since has been serving in that capacity. He has a fine house in Genesee, having built the same along modern lines, equipped with an individual electric-lighting system and running water, and he and his wife are very pleasantly situated.

It was on March 1, 1899, that Frank G. Rogers was united in marriage to Catherine Porter, who was born at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, and who was reared at Zanesville, Ohio, where she received her education and from which place she went to Washington, D. C., where for several years she was connected with the patent office, after which she moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and thence to Detroit, where she was living when she married Mr. Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are members of the Methodist Protestant church at Genesee, and Mr. Rogers is a member of the board of trustees of the same. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, a member of the "blue" lodge, the chapter and the commandery at Flint, and of Monroe Council Royal and Select Masters, at Detroit, and is also a member of the Order of Gleaners, in the affairs of all of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

FRANK H. HILL.

Frank H. Hill, a well-known and well-to-do farmer and dairyman of Genesee township, this county, owner of a fine farm of two hundred and thirty acres on rural route No. 6, out of Flint, and for years actively interested in the work of developing the best interests of his home community, is a native son of Genesee county, born on the farm on which he is now living, and has lived here all his life, for more than a half century having been an active participant in the development of the region surrounding his home. He was born on October 9, 1856, son of Thomas R. and Mary Alice (Hunt) Hill, natives of England, who came to Michigan in the early fifties and spent their last days in this county, substantial and influential residents of Genesee township.

Thomas Hill was born on a farm near King's Lynn, Norfolk, in 1818

and grew to manhood there. He married in England and when well along toward middle age he came to the United States with his family, proceeding directly to Michigan and settling at Ann Arbor, where he lived for two years, at the end of which time, in 1853, he came to Genesee county and bought a tract of sixty acres of uncleared land in section 36 of Genesee township, established his home in what then was a woodland wilderness and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. When the Hills settled in Genesee township there were no roads reaching out in that direction and their place was reached by an old Indian trail. Thomas Hill became one of the leaders in the pioneer life of his neighborhood and was a man of influence in his community. He became a Republican upon the organization of that party and was ever afterward actively identified with that party. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church and were regarded as among the leaders in good works in their section. Thomas Hill lived to be seventy-five years of age, his death occurring in 1893. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom but two now survive, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Thomas W. Hill, born in 1847, who is now living in Cleveland, Ohio.

Frank H. Hill was reared on the paternal farm in Genesee township and received his schooling in the primitive schools in the neighborhood of his home. Upon reaching manhood's estate he continued to make his home on the old home farm and for some years before the death of his father was engaged in operating the farm on shares. After his marriage he established his home on the old home place and has continued to live there. As he prospered in his farming operations he added to his holdings until now he is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and thirty acres. In addition to his general farming Mr. Hill for years has been actively interested in dairying and has a fine herd of thoroughbred Holsteins. His dairy barn, constructed with cement floors and equipped along modern lines, has a capacity to accommodate forty-five head and he also has two capacious silos. The farm is thoroughly tiled and the other improvements are in keeping with those here mentioned, the place being looked upon as one of the model farms in that locality.

It was on July 29, 1884, that Frank H. Hill was united in marriage to Flora Selleck, who was born in Grand Blanc, this county, July 29, 1862, daughter of Charles M. and Maria (Brainard) Selleck, and to this union two children have been born, Walter T., who married Helen Ashley and is now living on the farm, associated with his father in the dairy business, and Elton, who was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College and is

now an agricultural agent in Menominee county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have a very pleasant home and take a warm interest in the general affairs of the community in which they live, ever helpful in the work of promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare thereabout.

WILLIAM TINKER.

One of the venerable and honored citizens of Genesee county, who, after a successful and protracted career as a foundry and machine-shop owner, is now living retired, is William Tinker, of Vienna township. He was born in Monroe county, Ohio, July 22, 1837, and son and only child of William and Levinia (Rathborn) Tinker. The father was born in Massachusetts, September 30, 1814, and the mother was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio. In 1865 William Tinker, Sr., brought his family to Michigan, locating in Vienna township, this county, and there, with his son, built a machine-shop in the village of Pine Run, where he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1889, at the age of seventy-five years. His first wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, died in Ohio when only twenty-two years of age, after which he married Sarah Green, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1821. Her death occurred in 1896, when about seventy years of age. Four children were born to that second union, namely: Ellen, who married William Underhill; Francis, second in order of birth; Ida, who married J. P. Frazie, and Frederick O.

William Tinker, Jr., spent his boyhood in the state of Ohio and received a common school education. His father was a machinist who taught this trade to his son, and young Tinker worked in the machine-shop and foundry, which was owned by his father, until 1865, when the family moved to this county. However, prior to that the elder Tinker and his son had purchased some land in Vienna township, but instead of developing it they established a machine-shop at Pine Run, also operated in connection a foundry and blacksmith shop and built up an extensive business manufacturing and repairing general farming machinery, threshing-machines, steam engines, plows and the like. After the father's death the son continued operating the plant with increasing business until in 1915, when the entire plant was destroyed by fire. He rebuilt a small shop, but has since not been doing very much work. He is highly skilled as a mechanic and was always kept busy. It was a severe loss to the entire locality when his large plant burned.

On December 9, 1857, William Tinker was married to Selerie Fox.

who was born in Kingsville, Ohio, June 3, 1840, a daughter of Eliezer and Emerancy (Ward) Fox, the former of whom was born at Grafton, New Hampshire, April 30, 1808, and the latter at Ashfield, Massachusetts, in 1814. They moved to Ohio about 1830, locating near Kingsville on a farm. There Mr. Fox died in 1844, at the early age of thirty-six years. His widow came to Michigan, in which state she spent the rest of her life, reaching an advanced age, dying in 1901, when eighty-six years old. They were the parents of two children, Mrs. Tinker having a brother, Eliezer. To Mr. and Mrs. Tinker five children have been born, namely: Frank, born on April 26, 1859; Edith, February 27, 1861; Harry C., September 26, 1863; Lena E., November 11, 1865, and Florence L., July 24, 1868, who died at the age of sixteen years.

Politically, Mr. Tinker is a Democrat. He was township supervisor for some time while living in Midland county during the seventies, and has been school director at Pine Run for the past eighteen years. He is owner of some good farming land near Pine Run. In 1871 he built a shingle-mill in his shop, which he took to Midland county, where he spent five years engaged in manufacturing shingles. He also cut shingles in his mill at Pine Run until the timber was exhausted in that locality.

ROBERT WALTER SELLECK.

Robert Walter Selleck, well-known druggist at No. 518 South Saginaw street, Flint, and a member of the board of directors of the Union Trust and Savings Bank of that city, is a native son of Flint and has lived there all his life. He was born on July 2, 1867, son of Charles and Maria (Brainard) Selleck, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Michigan; the father of whom is still living, the mother dying on April 13, 1916. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Charles B., of Davison, this county; Flora, wife of Frank H. Hill, of Genesee township, this county; Lillian, wife of William Branch, of Bay City, this state; Estella, wife of Dr. Arthur Johnson, of Spokane, Washington, and Gertrude, wife of Hawley Permeter, of Flint.

Charles Selleck was born in Genesee county, New York, son of James Selleck and wife, both natives of that state, who, driving through from Port Huron by ox-team, came to Michigan in the early days of the settlement of



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this region with their children, James, Henry, Hubbard, Edward, Theodore, Samuel, Charles and Minerva, and located on a farm in the neighboring county of Lapeer. There James Selleck and his wife spent their last days, both living to be well along in years. Charles Selleck was about fourteen years old when he came to Michigan with his parents and he grew to manhood on the pioneer farm in Lapeer county. He married Maria Brainard, who was born in that county, member of a pioneer family, youngest of the three daughters born to her parents, the others being Ida and Julia. Shortly afterward he came over into Genesee county, settling on a farm in Grand Blanc township, where he lived until 1865, in which year he moved to Flint, where he engaged in the drayage business. Presently he was made superintendent of the farm connected with the state school for the deaf at Flint and served in that capacity for ten years, at the end of which time he bought a quarter of a section of land in Richfield township and there made his home until he sold the farm and retired to Davison, where he lived until the death of his wife, then removing to Flint, where he now resides. He is a member of the Baptist church.

Robert W. Selleck was reared at Flint and received his education in the public schools of that city. When thirteen years of age he began working nights, mornings and Saturdays in a drug store and upon completing his schooling, three years later, took up the study of pharmacy in earnest and presently received his certificate as a registered pharmacist. On January 1, 1906, he bought the old-established drug store of L. Church & Son at Flint and has ever since been very successfully engaged in the drug business on his own account. In June, 1916, Mr. Selleck completed what is conceded to be one of the finest drug stores in the state. Mr. Selleck has other interests besides those represented in his drug business and is one of the directors of the Union Trust and Savings Bank of Flint. He is a Republican and gives earnest attention to local political affairs, but has never been a seeker after public office.

On September 18, 1889, Robert W. Selleck was united in marriage to Lena Todd, who was born in Genesee township, this county, August 20, 1871, daughter of Washington LaFayette and Anna Eliza (Morehouse) Todd, both natives of Michigan, the latter of whom is still living, and who were the parents of two children, Mrs. Selleck having a brother, Arthur M. Todd. To this union two children have been born, Carlotta and Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Selleck are members of the Presbyterian church and take an

earnest interest in the various movements organized for the purpose of advancing the best interests of the community. Mr. Selleck is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Detroit, and is a noble of Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Saginaw. His local connection with the Masonic order is through membership in Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar.

CHESTER H. BLISS.

One of the progressive men of affairs of Flint is Chester H. Bliss, proprietor of the Bryant Hotel. He takes a pride in the advancement of his city and county, and heartily supports such movements as make toward that end. He comes of an honest, rugged pioneer family, one that was active and well known in Genesee county in its early history.

Chester H. Bliss was born at Flushing, this county, and is a son of Solon C. and Harriet (Lyon) Bliss, natives of Vermont and New York City, respectively, and parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister, Belle, who died when five years of age. The father died his son, Chester, was fourteen months of age. The Lyon family established their permanent home at Morris, where the father, Guy Lyon, and wife died. Their family consisted of the following children: William, Malcolm, Sarah, Helen, Harriet, Cornelia, Lewis, Julia, Horace and John. The paternal grandparents were natives of New York, from which state they came to Michigan and settled in Genesee county in an early day and engaged in farming, Grandfather Bliss clearing and improving wild land. His family consisted of four sons, Chester, Richard, Solon and Charles.

Chester H. Bliss was four years old when he removed with the family from Flushing to Grand Rapids, where he lived until he was sixteen years old, and there he attended the public schools, graduating from the high school, then studied at the Sweeney Business College in that city. He moved to Flint in 1878 and clerked in the store of D. B. Lyon & Company, later having charge of the general store of the Pentwater Lumber Company, at Pentwater, Michigan, presently returning to Flint and accepting a position as bookkeeper for Wood & Atwood, which position he held until he entered the service of the Grand Trunk Railway as abstract clerk, and afterwards as

cashier for that road at Port Huron, later being appointed to the position chief clerk at Durand. He was then Detroit representative of the West Shore Railroad for two years, afterwards filling a similar position for the Lehigh Valley Railroad; then traveled as freight agent for Michigan, and later as state agent. He then spent five years as traveling representative of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad. In 1908 he began his connection with the Bryant Hotel in Flint, in partnership with Edward Vosberg, with whom he was associated until 1913, when he bought Mr. Vosberg's interest, and has since been the sole proprietor. On June 19, 1914, the house suffered considerable loss by fire.

On June 24, 1892, Chester H. Bliss was married to Gertrude B. Hascall, a daughter of Henry C. and Belle (Decker) Hascall. She was born in Flint, where she grew up and was educated. Her parents were also natives of that city. Mr. Hascall devoted his active life to the lumber business. His death occurred at Dyersburg, Tennessee, in 1900, where he had been engaged in business about twelve years. He was sixty years of age. His widow survives. They were parents of five children, Harry, Gertrude, Genevieve, Nancy and Carlton. Charles M. and Nancy (Rounds) Hascall, the paternal grandparents of Mrs. Bliss, were pioneers in Flint, this locality, which was still the haunts of Indians when they took up their residence in this vicinity. He was receiver of public moneys. Here he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring in middle life, the grandmother living to an advanced age. They were parents of five children who grew to maturity, Charles, Angeline, Esther, Richard and Henry. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Bliss were Grant and Julia (Fenton) Decker, also pioneers in Genesee county. Mr. Decker was one of the leading business men of Flint for many years and was for some time in partnership with Henry C. Hascall. He devoted his earlier career to general mercantile pursuits and also ran a flouring-mill. The grandfathers of Mrs. Bliss made the race for the office of first mayor of Flint—opposing each other. Grant Decker died in this city at an advanced age. Among his children were Isabella, Genevieve, Julia and Kate. Both grandfathers had been previously married, and had children by their first wives.

Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, Chester Hascall Bliss, who is identified with the Childs-Bliss Auto Company of Flint, and Edwin, who is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss are members of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. Bliss is a Republican, and fraternally, he is a member of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons; of Washington Chapter No.

15, Royal Arch Masons; of Flint Council, Royal and Select Masters; of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar; Bay City Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of Ivanhoe Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WALTER S. DAVIS, V. S.

Dr. Walter S. Davis, well-known veterinary surgeon at Flushing, was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, August 17, 1877, a son of Walter A. and Selina (Boyd) Davis.

Walter A. Davis was born in Hamilton, Ontario, September 18, 1851. He was engaged in farming near Hamilton until 1883, when he came to the United States and located at Lake View, Montcalm county, Michigan, settled on a farm and followed farming for the rest of his active life. Some years ago he retired and is now living in the village of Langston, Michigan. He was left an orphan in early life and has made his own way in the world. He is ardently devoted to the interests of the Republican party. Selina (Boyd) Davis is also a native of Hamilton, Ontario, and was also left an orphan, her parents dying when she was but three months old. She was adopted by Henry Burkholder and wife, by whom she was reared as an own child. Her father was an army officer and was killed. To Doctor Davis and wife five children were born, namely: Delbert, who died at the age of twenty-eight; Walter S., the subject of this sketch; Myrtle, who married Dr. St. Elmo King, a veterinary surgeon, living at Lake View, Michigan; George, living on the old home farm in Michigan, and Ethel, who married Vernie All and lives at Flint.

Dr. Walter S. Davis received part of his schooling in Hamilton, Ontario, but most of his education was obtained at Lake View and in the district schools of Montcalm county. After his school years he worked on his father's farm, and also rented some land and farmed on his own account. He continued farming until he went to Grand Rapids to enter the veterinary college at that place. He took a three years' course in that institution, working during the summer vacation on the home farm. After completing his college course he engaged in the practice of his profession at Boyne City, Michigan, remaining there for two years and a half. He then removed to

Marion, Michigan, where he conducted a drug store in connection with his practice for two years. In 1911 he sold out his business at Marion and moved to Flushing, where he has since continued his practice, which has been steadily growing and covers a large territory. For a few years after locating at Flushing he conducted a livery stable, but sold that in 1915. He carries a full line of drugs and remedies pertaining to his practice, and sells them over the country by wagon.

Doctor Davis was married on August 25, 1898, to Martha Ball, who was born in Langston, Michigan, September 23, 1877, a daughter of Fred and Ella (Wilcox) Ball, natives of Langston, and to this union three children have been born, Laura, Mable and Edna, all in school. Doctor Davis is a Republican and is active and influential in the affairs of that party. He has several times been a delegate from his county to the state conventions of his party and has been elected to several town and township offices. For the past four years he has served as trustee of the village of Flushing. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Flushing.

CHARLES CALVIN LUCE.

Charles Calvin Luce, a well-known and successful farmer, was born one mile east of Flushing on January 5, 1878, the son of Calvin W. and Florence (Sutton) Luce, both of whom were natives of Michigan. Calvin W. Luce was born in Hillsdale county on October 7, 1846. His very early life was spent there, but his mother died when he was but a child, and his father, owing to ill health was compelled to return to the state of New York. Young Calvin was bound out until he was twenty-one years of age and was brought to Genesee county, where he grew to manhood. On reaching his majority, he began work for himself, with the farmers of the county. He later bought a farm, on which he lived for some years. He then worked on farms for others before he purchased the farm east of Flushing, where he made his home until his death on September 6, 1912. He was a staunch Republican and he and his wife were active workers in the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally, he was a member of the Maccabees.

Florence Sutton was born in Flushing township on March 28, 1850. It was there that he received her education and grew to womanhood and was later married to Calvin W. Luce. To Calvin and Florence (Sutton) Luce were born the following children: Ira, a farmer of Mt. Morris township;

Jennie, the wife of O. Eugene Soper, of Mt. Morris township; Clarence, a farmer of Flushing township, and Charles C.

Charles C. Luce received his education in the schools of Mt. Morris township and in the high school at Mt. Morris. After completing his schooling he remained at home until 1898, when he worked on farms for others for a number of years. He then returned to the home place which he worked with his brother, Clarence, for one year. He then was engaged by the Standard Oil Company at Mt. Morris for some time, but owing to sickness was compelled to resign his position. He then went to the home of his father and later worked by the day for one summer. In the winter he returned to Mt. Morris where he was engaged by Christopher Green to drive a dray team. In the spring he returned to the home farm and worked for his father for one year.

On October 29, 1902, Charles C. Luce was married to Florence A. Bump, who was born on November 2, 1877, in Flushing township, daughter of Henry and Delecto (Richardson) Bump, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Gladys, born on January 22, 1904; Harold W., June 7, 1909; Hazel Delecto, August 19, 1910, and Rena May, June 19, 1912.

After his marriage, Charles C. Luce rented his father's farm for three years, and in connection with that he also cultivated an adjoining farm. He then, in 1905, bought the farm of eighty acres in section 23, where he now lives and where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He also buys many cattle to feed and raises and feeds quite a bunch of hogs each year. The farm is well improved, the improvements including a large barn and silo.

Politically, Mr. Luce is a Republican and, fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Luce and his family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WALTER C. BAILEY.

It matters little what vocation a man may select as his life occupation as long as it is an honorable one. Certainly no calling is more honorable than that of farming—the most ancient of man's varied lines of work. Walter C. Bailey, of Monroe township, is one of Genesee county's energetic farmers. He was born in Niagara county, New York, October 12, 1874, and is a son of Nathaniel and Sarah L. (Layland) Bailey. The father was born in

Vermont, June 3, 1847. He worked at farming until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he enlisted in a Vermont infantry regiment in which he served for some time, then moved to the state of New York and enlisted a second time, in Company F, Eighth New York Heavy Artillery, and served until the close of the war, taking part in many important engagements. He was honorably discharged, after which he returned to New York and bought a small farm, and there married his first wife, Caroline Layland. He continued to live on his farm there until the death of his wife, then came to Michigan and settled in Mt. Morris township, Genesee county, where he married Sarah L. Wayland. A year later he returned to the state of New York where he spent five years, then removed to Russell, Kansas, where he spent one year, then went back to New York for three years, after which he returned to this county and settled in Mt. Morris township. Three years later, in 1886, he moved to Montrose township, buying forty acres on which he spent the rest of his life, dying on April 4, 1907, at the age of sixty years. He was a Republican and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His last wife was born on March 6, 1854, probably in the state of New York, and when young came with her sister to Michigan. Her death occurred on August 28, 1914, at the age of sixty years. Two children were born to Nathaniel Bailey and his first wife, Nellie, who married Joseph Love, and Hiram. Three children were born by his second wife, Walter C., the subject of this sketch; Edward and Frank.

Walter C. Bailey was educated in the public schools. He worked out by the month when a young man, finally buying forty acres in Montrose township, where he was living when he married Ella M. Carpenter on March 18, 1899. She was born in Mt. Morris township, this county, June 3, 1878, and is a daughter of Henry and Lillian (McDowell) Carpenter, the former of whom was a successful farmer. His family consisted of seven children, those besides Mrs. Bailey being as follow: Maggie, who is the wife of Frank Donnelly; Elmer, who is employed in the government mint at Washington, D. C., a twin brother of Edbert, who lives in Flint; Esther, the wife of E. J. Cuddeback, of Owosso; Claude, who married Florence Leyrer and is living on the old homestead, and Murel, the wife of J. C. Cuddeback, of Flushing. To Mr. and Mrs. Bailey four children have been born, namely: Earl, born on January 4, 1900; Carl, January 27, 1901; Archie, January 30, 1904, and Beatrice, May 23, 1909.

After his marriage, Mr. Bailey continued to live on his farm for four years, then sold out and bought forty acres, later buying fifty acres adjoining. In 1915 he bought the old homestead of forty acres and is now oper-

ating one hundred and thirty acres, all under cultivation. He is raising an excellent grade of live stock, including thoroughbred Holstein cattle. He built a good house in 1911, which he recently remodeled. Politically, Mr. Bailey is a Republican. He served as township treasurer in 1909 and 1910. He has also served as township constable, as justice of the peace and as treasurer of his school district, giving eminent satisfaction in all these positions of public trust. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge and the chapter at Montrose, and is also a member of the Gleaners.

FRANK C. HITCHCOCK.

Frank C. Hitchcock, a well-known and progressive merchant of Genesee, this county, dealer in general hardware, implements, builders' supplies and the like, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the city of Saginaw, in the neighboring county of that name, June 12, 1869, son of Henry A. and Catherine (Macy) Hitchcock, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Michigan, for many years well-known residents of Genesee township, this county, where the former is still living.

Henry A. Hitchcock was born on a farm in Lorain county, Ohio, in August, 1841, and was but a youth when his parents, Samuel and Phoebe (White) Hitchcock, the latter of whom was a direct descendant of Peregrine White, came to Michigan and settled in Genesee township, this county. Samuel Hitchcock was a blacksmith and started the first blacksmith shop in that part of the county, at Kearsley, where he continued in business for years and where he spent the rest of his life, a useful and influential pioneer resident. He organized the first school in Genesee township, in the Tanner district, and also organized the first Sunday school. Henry A. Hitchcock grew to manhood in Genesee township, becoming an expert blacksmith and mill man. There he married Catherine Macy, who was born in Lenawee county, this state, February 22, 1844, and who was but two or three years of age when her parents, Richard and Catherine (Dallott) Macy, came to this county and settled on a homestead farm in section 24, Genesee township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, prominent pioneer citizens. After his father's death, Henry A. Hitchcock went to Saginaw, where he installed the machinery in R. J. Bennett's first planing-mill there. He remained there as superintendent of various mills until 1880, when he returned to Genesee county, bought a forty-acre farm in section 24 of Genesee



MR. AND MRS. FRANK C. HITCHCOCK.

township, adjoining that of his wife's old home, and there established his home. He still retained his practical connection with the mills after moving there, however, and his sons managed the farm, he being thus engaged until his retirement from active labor some years ago. He is a member of the Baptist church, a Republican and a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. His wife died on April 11, 1915, at the age of seventy-two years. They were the parents of two children, Samuel, who is living on the old Macy homestead in section 24, Genesee township, and Frank C., the subject of this biographical sketch.

Frank C. Hitchcock was about eleven years old when his parents returned to this county from Saginaw, the place of his birth, and he completed his schooling in the schools of Genesee township, after which he became engaged in the milling business. He was thus engaged for about ten years, for two years with the Wright Lumber Company; for two years with the C. K. Eddy Lumber Company; for three years with the Temple-Emory Milling Company and for some years with the Jackson Manufacturing Company. In the meantime, in 1890, Mr. Hitchcock had married one of his Genesee county neighbor girls and in 1897 he returned to this county and opened a blacksmith shop south of the railroad in the village of Genesee. In 1903 he moved that shop to the site now occupied by his hardware store in the village and opened a store with a small stock of hardware. His business grew from the very start and presently he erected a new store building, moving the old building to the rear, and he since has made other additions to his store building, doubling its former capacity. He now carries, in addition to a general line of hardware, a full line of agricultural implements, saddlery, paints, fencing, building supplies, auto supplies and the like and is doing a very good business. Mr. Hitchcock is an enterprising and energetic business man and constructed the first cement sidewalk laid in the village of Genesee. He has a fine white-brick residence, electrically lighted, and he and his family are very pleasantly situated. Mr. Hitchcock is a Republican and is a member of the local school board. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Otisville and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

In 1890 Frank C. Hitchcock was united in marriage to Nettie Wertman, who was born in Niagara county, New York, June 14, 1869, and who was twelve years old when her parents, George and Mary Ann (Leib) Wertman, came to Michigan and settled on a farm in section 18, Richfield township, this county, where they lived until their retirement from the farm and removal to Flint, where George Wertman died in 1914. His widow is now

making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hitchcock, in Genesee. Nettie Wertman grew to womanhood on the parental farm in Richfield township and remained there until her marriage to Mr. Hitchcock. To that union two children have been born, Mabel, born on September 18, 1892, and Royal, July 6, 1893.

CLARENCE LUCE.

Clarence Luce, the son of Calvin W. and Florence (Sutton) Luce, was born in Flushing township, this county, on November 7, 1875.

Calvin W. Luce was born on October 7, 1846, in Hillsdale county. He lived there but a few years and was bound out until he was twenty-one years of age, to a family in Genesee county. After serving his time he began to work for others on his own account. After a time he bought a farm just east of Flushing, where he lived for some years, after which he lived on several different farms before he located on the one near Flushing, where he died on September 6, 1912. He was a staunch Republican and an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church. He also was a member of the order of Maccabees.

Florence (Sutton) Luce was born on March 28, 1850, in Flushing township and in the same house where Clarence Luce was born, twenty-five years later. She and Calvin W. Luce were the parents of four children: Ira, a farmer of Mt. Morris township; Jennie, the wife of O. Eugene Soper, of Mt. Morris township; Clarence, and Charles C., the latter of whom also is a farmer of Flushing township.

Clarence Luce received his education in the schools of Flushing, Flint, and Mt. Morris townships and later attended the normal school at Flint. After completing his schooling he returned to the home farm, where he assisted his father for one year, at the end of which time he purchased a farm of eighty acres in section 25, Flushing township. He then married Frances M. Hackney, who was born in Mt. Morris township on April 25, 1874, a daughter of Johnson and Mary (Pailthorp) Hackney.

Johnson Hackney was born in Lincolnshire, England, on May 13, 1836, and when twenty years of age, came to the United States, with his sister, locating in Mt. Morris township, this county, where he lived until his death in 1905. On November 9, 1864, he was married to Mary Pailthorp, who was born in Mt. Morris township on February 13, 1845, spent all her life there and is buried on the farm where she was born. She was the daughter

of William and Frances (Sisson) Pailthorp, natives of England and early settlers of this county. Johnson Hackney and wife were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Luce being as follow: Edward, of Flint; Clarence, of Mt. Morris township; Eugene, of Vienna township, and Reuben, of Flint. Mr. and Mrs. Hackney were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and took much interest in all church work.

Frances Luce received her education in the schools of Mt. Morris township. It was there that she grew to womanhood and was married to Clarence Luce on December 12, 1900. To this union three children have been born: Beatrice Mary, born on July 8, 1902; Mildred Hackney, December 14, 1904, who died on May 27, 1914, and Marguerite Johnson, December 3, 1913.

Clarence Luce lived on his original eighty-acre farm for seven years, during which time he added forty acres to the place. In 1908 he purchased one hundred and ten acres in section 23, Flushing township, and there made his home for five years. In 1912 he bought a home in Flushing, where he lived for two years, after which he purchased fifty-eight acres in section 25, Flushing township, where he has since made his home. He manages all his farms and engaged in general farming and stock raising. He specializes in pure-bred Holstein cattle, of which he has about twenty-five head. He raises and feeds many hogs and sheep. Besides his other interests he owns a half interest in the Flushing Butter Company and is a stockholder in the company that is operating the canning factory.

Politically, Mr. Luce is a Republican and takes an interest in local civic affairs. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Flushing and take much interest in church work.

GEORGE E. MUNDY.

George E. Mundy was born in Clayton township, Genesee county, Michigan, December 23, 1860, the son of Thomas and Mary Jane (Darling) Mundy. Thomas Mundy was born in Devonshire, England, November 16, 1838. In July, 1850, he came to the United States with his parents, John and Sarah (Butcher) Mundy, also natives of Devonshire. The other two children of this family who came with their parents at that time were John and Charles. John Mundy bought eighty acres of land in section 15, Clayton township, this county, from a man who had just taken it up as govern-

ment land. It was all wild land and he began the work of clearing it up and getting it in shape for cultivation. He built a log house and made that place his home until his death, which occurred four years after coming to the United States. His wife continued to live there after the death of her husband, her son, Thomas, taking charge of the farm and taking care of his mother until her death at the age of ninety-two years.

Thomas Mundy was married in March, 1860, at the age of twenty-one. He continued to make his home on the old home farm for many years, buying more land, from time to time, but always kept the old homestead. He was engaged in general farming and stock raising. He was township drain commissioner for fourteen years, and laid out and overhauled all the drains in Clayton township. He held the office of justice of the peace and other township offices, was administrator of several estates and served as district school officer and director. He was a member of the Baptist church and his political affiliation was with the Democratic party. After the death of his first wife he married Anna Brown, now in Canada. Soon after his second marriage he sold his homestead to his younger son, reserving only forty acres for himself, and practically retired from active work. He is still living.

Mary Jane (Darling) Mundy, mother of George E. Mundy, was born in Lockport, New York, November 21, 1842, a daughter of Dr. Serenis and Mary (Goyer) Darling. Doctor Darling was a native of Connecticut. His father was also a doctor, and his lineage on his mother's side, runs back to the physician who accompanied General LaFayette to this country. His wife was a native of Vermont, also with an ancestry dating from colonial times. There were eight children in the family of Doctor and Mrs. Darling, Electa, Anna, George, Serenis, Clarissa, Mary Jane, Henry and Hiram. Mary Jane Darling came to Genesee county with an uncle, William Goyer, and lived on the Goyer farm now owned by James Bendle, in Clayton township until her marriage to Thomas Mundy. To that union twelve children were born, three of whom died in infancy. The others are: George E., subject of this sketch; Henry, who died in September, 1912; Sarah, who married John H. Callender and lives at Ypsilanti, Michigan; Charles, who lives on the old Mundy homestead; Anna, who married Daniel Rose, a farmer in Clayton township; Juna and Chauncey, both deceased; Clara, who died from accident when young; Ray, living at Pontiac, Michigan, and Mary Jane, who died in 1890, aged forty-seven years.

George E. Mundy was educated in the district schools of Clayton township. When twenty-three years old he bought forty acres of wild land in Clayton township, which he cleared and put in condition for cultivation. He

remained on that farm until about 1899, having added sixty acres more land to his original purchase in the meantime. He sold out then and removed to Flint, where he engaged in the produce business for about eight months, at the end of which time he purchased one hundred and twenty-one acres of land in Clayton township and again engaged in farming, continuing thus engaged for about two years. In 1902 he sold out and moved to Flushing, where, in partnership with E. L. Bucher, he engaged in the buggy business. After five years this partnership was dissolved and George E. Mundy bought the hotel in Flushing then known as the Eggleston House. He changed the name to Hotel Mundy and conducted it for seven years and two months, at the end of which time he sold out and has since continued to look after his farm that he has owned and operated himself for eleven years, hiring the work done, but still living in the village. Mr. Mundy has made a success in business, starting, as he did, in a log house on forty acres of wild land.

On November 1, 1883, George E. Mundy was married to Mary Vernon, daughter of Enoch and Hannah (Bailey) Vernon, who were among the early pioneers of Flushing township. Mrs. Mundy was educated in the district schools of the township and in the Flushing high school, and then was engaged in teaching up to the time of her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Mundy have been born two children, Floy, who died at the age of fourteen years, the result of an accident, and Hazel May, a graduate of the Flushing high school and of the Michigan Agricultural College, who taught domestic science in the Midland high school in the year 1915. Mr. Mundy's church affiliation is with the Presbyterian church. In politics, he is a Republican. He has served as township treasurer of Clayton township and as drain commissioner of Flushing township. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge and of the chapter at Flushing.

CLAUDE HOLDEN.

One of the most enterprising of the younger farmers of Thetford township, is Claude Holden, who is now the efficient treasurer of the township. He was born in the above-named township on November 11, 1890, and is a son of A. J. and Elizabeth (Craig) Holden. The father was born in this county in the year 1849. The mother was born in Canada in 1864, and when young in years she came to this county, where she met and married Mr. Holden. Here they have engaged in general farming and are living in

Mt. Morris township. They are parents of four children, namely: Bertha, who is the wife of Bert Tryon; Carrie, wife of Otis Cook; Winnifred E., the wife of Elias Berkman, of Flint, and Claude, the subject of this sketch.

Claude Holden was reared on the home farm in Thetford township, where he worked when a boy, and he received his education in the district schools, which he attended until he was eighteen years of age. Mr. Holden has always followed farming, and is now owner of sixty acres in section 3, Thetford township, on which he is making a very comfortable living.

On March 2, 1915, Claude Holden was married to Blanche Whitman, who was reared in that same locality and attended school there, her parents having settled in that part of Genesee county many years ago. To Mr. and Mrs. Holden one child has been born, Claude Max, whose birth occurred on February 28, 1916.

Politically, Mr. Holden is a Republican and is active in the work of his party. He was elected treasurer of Thetford township in the spring of 1916 and is discharging the duties of that office in a very creditable manner. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 91, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Clio Lodge No. 205, Free and Accepted Masons.

CHARLES W. MINTO.

Charles W. Minto, the proprietor of the "West Flint Stock Farm," in Flint township, and supervisor of that township, was born in Caledonia township, Shiawassee county, this state, on July 7, 1872, the son of William B. and Almeda J. (Hanna) Minto.

William B. Minto was born in Scotland on March 15, 1846, while Mrs. Minto was a native of the state of New York, born on August 20, 1847, in Genesee county, that state. Mr. and Mrs. Minto are residents of Union City, Michigan, where Mr. Minton is engaged in the clothing business. They are members of and active workers in the Methodist Episcopal church. They are the parents of the following children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mattie, the wife of S. T. Blackmer, of Fowlerville; Blanche, the wife of Lee Olmsted, of Fowlerville, and George F. Minto, of Detroit.

Charles W. Minto was reared on the home farm until he was nine years of age, when his father moved to Corunna, where he attended the public schools. After graduating from the high school he was employed by a clothing house at Union City, where he remained for three years.

On January 6, 1892, Charles W. Minto was united in marriage to Amy G. Dye, who was born on August 2, 1873, in Flint township. Mrs. Minto was educated in the district schools of her home township. Mr. and Mrs. Minto have no children of their own, but have adopted a girl who receives the same kind attention as if she were of their own blood.

After his marriage, Charles W. Minto was for two years engaged in the clothing business at Fowlerville and for six years in the same business at Durand, after which he settled on the farm where he and his family now reside. There he devotes his attention to general farming and stock raising and has made a success of the feeding of cattle and sheep, at times feeding as many as three thousand six hundred head. Besides his other business enterprises he was the founder of the Minto-Woodruff clothing store at Mt. Pleasant.

Fraternally, Mr. Minto is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, affiliated with the blue lodge at Newberg; with the chapter at Durand, and with the commandery at Corunna. He also is a member of Owosso Lodge, Benevolent Order of Elks.

Mr. Minto is a Republican and for years was treasurer of his school district. In 1915 he was elected supervisor of his township and that position he still holds.

HERBERT ALLEN MACPHERSON.

Herbert Allen Macpherson, a well-known and enterprising young grocer at Flint, is a native of the Dominion of Canada, but has lived in Flint since he was about two years of age. He was born at Aurelia, November 24, 1881, son of Peter L. and Thomison (McNaughton) Macpherson, natives of Canada, who have been residents of Flint since the year 1883.

Peter L. Macpherson was reared on a farm in Canada and became a farmer there on his own account, remaining there until 1883, when he came with his family to Michigan, locating in Flint, where he ever since has been engaged as a horticulturist. He is the eldest of the seven children born to his parents, Allen Macpherson and wife, natives of Scotland, who emigrated to Canada, where they spent the rest of their lives on a farm. Mrs. Macpherson's parents also were natives of Scotland who emigrated to Canada and settled on a farm, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Grandmother McNaughton was Margaret Hume before her marriage. Peter L. Macpherson and wife are members of the Presbyterian church. To them

three children were born, Belle, now deceased, who was the wife of Charles R. Buchanan; Ann, who is living with her parents, and Herbert A., the subject of this biographical sketch.

Herbert A. Macpherson was about two years old when his parents moved from Canada to Flint and he grew to manhood in that city. Upon leaving the public schools he began clerking in a grocery store and thus acquired a thorough acquaintance with the grocery trade as applicable to local conditions. In 1908 he established a store of his own and has ever since been thus engaged, long having been regarded as one of the most energetic and progressive young merchants in the city. Mr. Macpherson has a very well-appointed and completely-stocked store at 505 Detroit street and has built up an extensive business. In his political views he is independent and, fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On November 4, 1909, Herbert A. Macpherson was united in marriage to Ethel Hovey, of Flint, who was born in that city and has lived there all her life. She was the last-born of the four children born to her parents, both of whom now are deceased, the other children being Helen, Clara and Maud. Mrs. Macpherson's mother was a McKinley. Mr. and Mrs. Macpherson are members of the Congregational church. They have a very pleasant home at 718 Chippewa street.

JAMES A. THOMPSON.

In any great wheat country, like central Michigan, there are to be found modernly-equipped mills, and the flour industry is a most important one. This is true of Genesee county and one of her enterprising and successful millers is James A. Thompson, owner of the Fenton Flour Mills.

Mr. Thompson was born in Genesee county, July 4, 1868, a son of G. L. and Vannila (Vinton) Thompson. His mother was the daughter of David Vinton, a native of Connecticut and a pioneer farmer of Tyron, Michigan. G. L. Thompson was born near Romeo, Michigan. In 1866 he came to Genesee county, where he engaged in farming many years, later retiring from active life and spending his last years in Fenton, where his death occurred on January 30, 1914. His widow still lives in Fenton. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. To these parents three children have been born, Nellie, Clark and James A.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the common and high schools



J. A. Thompson

of Fenton, also attended the local normal school. In January, 1895, he was united in marriage with Mary Hayes, which union has resulted in the birth of two children, Harriet and Clark.

Mr. Thompson began his active business career as teller in the Fenton State Bank; later he went to California, where he spent two years, being employed by the Tickner, Burham Company, of Chico, that state. Returning to Michigan, he ran a saw-mill at Marion for eighteen years, then sold out and for some time was connected with the firm of Hackley, Phelts Company at Hackley, Wisconsin. He returned to Fenton in 1909. He owns the Fenton Flour Mills, which he is operating with gratifying results. He also deals in grain, coal, cement, etc., and is also local agent for the Buick automobile.

Politically, Mr. Thompson is a Republican. He belongs to the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias.

CHARLES M. ECKLES.

Many people are of the opinion that the word farming means the same the world over, and so it does in a sense; yet, the methods of farming vary radically in different countries, so the word means one thing to the tiller of the soil in Michigan and quite another to the farmer of Brazil, India, or South Africa. One of the successful husbandmen of Montrose township, this county, is Charles M. Eckles, who was born in this state on October 2, 1859. He is a son of John and Jane (Hulburd) Eckles. The mother was born in Allegany county, New York, from which she came in her youth with her parents to Michigan, the family settling in Wayne county, where she met and married John Eckles, and there spent the greater part of the remainder of her life, dying in Livonia township, that county.

John Eckles was born in Yorkshire, England, and when young came to the United States, settling in the state of New York, later coming to Michigan and settling in Wayne county. After his marriage he moved to Montrose township, this county, and purchased eighty acres in section 22, where he spent six or seven years, at the end of which time he returned to Wayne county, where he spent the greater part of the remainder of his life, his last days, however, being spent in Montrose, this county. His family consisted of eight children, three of whom died in infancy. Those reaching

maturity were as follow: Charles M., the subject of this sketch; Richard, who lives in Saginaw county; Nellie May, who married Carl Pardee, and lives in Northville, Michigan; Minnie, deceased, who was the wife of Carl Doyle, and Lillian, wife of A. F. Huff, of Detroit.

Charles M. Eckles grew to manhood on the farm and received his schooling in the district schools of Wayne county and in the Plymouth high school, after which he taught school one winter in Montrose and two terms in one school in Livonia township, Wayne county, and also one year in the adjoining township of Redford. In 1881 he began working his father's farm, which he operated for ten years, after which he spent one year. In 1900 he bought seventy acres in that section, and on this latter place he has since resided. The farm on which he now lives was the first land settled in Montrose township. In 1903 he sold the old home place and the following year bought sixty acres in section 26. His son now farms this latter tract. In 1906 Mr. Eckles began raising berries and now has fifteen acres, four of which are in blackberries, six acres of red and black raspberries and about six acres of strawberries. In 1914 he built a new barn, cement floor throughout. He built another barn in 1911 and built a large tool house in 1915. Everything about his place is up-to-date and in ship-shape. He makes a specialty of raising grade Holstein cattle, also an excellent grade of Duroc-Jersey hogs.

On November 28, 1881, Charles M. Eckles was married to Eliza Jane Turner, who was born in Wayne county, Michigan, October 4, 1861, a daughter of Robert and Eliza J. (Gaitrell) Turner, both natives of England, the father born in Yorkshire and the mother in Hampshire. When young they came to Michigan, single, and at different times, both locating in Wayne county, where they were married. Eleven children were born to them, namely: Anna, who is the wife of Mark Preston; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Abner Austin; William H., Dan, Eliza Jane, Frank, James, George, Lydia, who is the wife of Ulysses S. Grace; Emma F., the wife of James Gresehover, and Caroline, the wife of George Clare.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eckles, Earl L. and Ethel. Earl L. Eckles, who was born on December 31, 1882, was educated in the district schools and in the Montrose high school. In 1915 he married Mary Pollard, and they live on his father's farm, which he helps operate. Ethel Eckles was born in 1888. She was educated in the district schools and in the Montrose high school and for the past ten years has taught school in Vienna and Montrose townships.

Politically, Mr. Eckles is a Republican. He has been justice of the

peace three terms, has also served as a member of the board of review in his township and as a member of the school board of district No. 1. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of the Maccabees, of the local tent of which latter organization he is past commander. He also is a member of the Gleaners and has been secretary and treasurer of the same for eight years. He is likewise a member of the Grange and is present master of the local lodge, in the affairs of which he takes a warm interest.

JAMES ROGERS.

Among the tillers of the soil in Thetford township, this county, who not only knows how to plow and hoe, but also knows how to manage the business end of the farm, is James Rogers, who hails from Canada. He was born in Victoria county, province of Ontario, September 23, 1843, and is a son of William and Mary (Cruess) Rogers. William Rogers was born at New Market, Kings county, Ontario, not far from Toronto, member of a pioneer family, the son of James Rogers, an American of means, who emigrated to Canada and purchased from the King of England lands on a portion of which the town of New Market now stands. James Rogers was united in marriage to Mary A. Herman, of German descent. His father was an American, in a direct line of descent from the martyr, John Rogers, who was of German descent. Mary Cruess was born in Victoria county, Ontario, also of old pioneer stock, and of German and Irish descent. One of her brothers, John Cruess, was at one time a member of the provincial parliament of Ontario.

James Rogers grew to manhood on the home farm in his native province, and he received a common-school education. On October 27, 1867, he married Hannab Gallinger, a daughter of James and Ellen (Bannerman) Gallinger. The father was a native of Brockville, Ontario, and when a young man moved to Kings county, where he married, his wife being a native of that county. The family is related to that of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and also to that of the late Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire. After his marriage, James Rogers located on a farm near where he was born, where he became owner of considerable valuable property, some of which he still retains. He came to Michigan in July, 1905, and located at Flint, where he lived for two years, at the end of which time

he bought his present farm of two hundred and twenty acres in section 28 of Thetford township, where he has since successfully engaged in general framing and stock raising and has made many modern improvements on the place, which is one of the best in the township. He has one son, Elwood James Rogers, who is at home.

PHILIP O. EMBURY.

Another of the native sons of Genesee county who is a substantial farmer of Grand Blanc township, is Philip O. Embury, who was born on a farm about one mile southwest of Grand Blanc, on June 19, 1876, the son of George M. and Margery Eveline (McFarlan) Embury.

George M. Embury was born on October 10, 1852, in Grand Blanc township, near the village of the same name, the son of David and Marcia (Morse) Embury. David Embury was born in Avon, New York, on December 7, 1818, and came to this county with his parents, Caleb and Harriet Embury, in the early days. They located about two miles south of the village of Grand Blanc, at what is now called Five Points, in 1832. About two years prior to that, Caleb Embury came to this county and entered land from the government, and here he spent the remainder of his life, owning at the time of his death more than one thousand acres of land. David Embury was fourteen years old when his parents came to this county, and here he grew to manhood and married Marcia Morse, who was a daughter of Joseph B. Morse, a native of Massachusetts, the latter coming to Michigan in 1831, and settling where now is located the city of Lapeer. He was one of the first settlers there, and built the first frame house in that vicinity. He lived there until 1834, when he moved to his farm, where he lived until his death in 1854. He was a carpenter by trade, and built the first school house in the township, near Farmers Creek. He also built a hotel at Farmers Creek. He was a prominent man in church, school and political affairs of the early days. Marcia Morse's ancestry has been traced back to those who came to this country in the "Mayflower" in 1620. The Embury family was of English ancestry. Marcia Embury was the first teacher in Lapeer county, Michigan, and was active and interesting in her conversation in her old age, and was well known as one of the representative pioneer women of the county. David Embury was a life-long farmer, and lived about one and a half miles west of Grand Blanc. He was also engaged in various other business affairs, and was for some years a director in the First National Bank, of Flint. He was

a staunch Democrat in politics. His death occurred on June 22, 1886. His widow died on June 26, 1901. She was a member of the Congregational church for more than fifty years. David Embury and wife were the parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are George M., who died in 1907; Jerome D., of Bay City, Michigan; Elliot P., of Morrisville, New York; Emma C., wife of A. B. Armstrong, of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Clara E., wife of John S. Cook, of Grand Blanc.

George M. Embury grew up on the home farm west of Grand Blanc and attended the district schools of his home neighborhood and the high school at Flint. In 1875 he married Margery McFarlan, who was born on a farm one and one-half miles southwest of Grand Blanc, daughter of John B. and Margery (Hadley) McFarlan, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Embury located on the farm where she was born, and where she is now living, and there Mr. Embury spent the remainder of his life, with the exception of about two years, which he spent in Flint in the hardware and implement business; but his chief occupation was farming, and he was the owner of two hundred acres of land in the south part of Grand Blanc township, on which his son, Philip, now lives. His death occurred in 1907. He and his wife were the parents of three children, Philip O., and twins, Irving W. and George A. Irving Embury lives at Seattle, Washington, where he is engaged as a civil engineer. He married Lucy Bear, and they have one daughter. George A. Embury is living on the home farm with his mother.

Philip O. Embury spent most of his youth on the farm where he was born, attending his home schools and the high school at Flint. In 1899 he began farming on the place where he now lives in section 32, Grand Blanc township, and has since made that his home. He carries on general farming and stock raising, specializing in good draft horses and Durham cattle, for which there is always a ready market. He has two hundred acres of good farming land, with two houses on the place, and his farm is well kept, showing the owner to be progressive and up-to-date in his methods.

On April 19, 1899, Philip O. Embury was married to Jeannette Reid, who was born in Osco, Kearney county, Nebraska, a daughter of John and Mary (Ralston) Reid, the former of whom was a native of Scotland, and the latter a native of this country, but of Scotch parentage. John Reid came to America when about twenty years of age and settled first in Rockford, Illinois, where he was married to Mary Ralston. They went to Nebraska and took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land, and there established a home on the prairie. After several years residence in Nebraska, the

family came to Michigan and located in Mundy township, this county, where John Reid and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Reid was twice married, his second wife being Martha McFarland, who died in June, 1909. Mr. Reid died in December, 1907. To his first marriage there were born the following children: Maggie, wife of Joseph Hawk; Alex, Peter, John, Nettie, the wife of Philip Embury, and Jennie, twin sister of Mrs. Embury, who is the wife of Frank Cheney. The mother of these children died on March 17, 1877, while the family was living in Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip O. Embury are the parents of two children, Donald R. and Margery M.

FRANK H. UTLEY.

Frank H. Utley, a successful farmer of Flint township, now living at Flint, was born on the farm he now owns, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, three miles west of Flint. There he was born on February 18, 1859, the son of Asa and Caroline (Bristol) Utley, both of whom were natives of the state of New York, who came to Genesee county, where they were later married.

Asa and Caroline Utley, after their marriage, purchased eighty acres of land and Utley for a time was foreman at the McFarland mills, besides looking after the interests on the farm. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are living, Frank H. being the only son. Elma is the wife of James Parkhurst, of Flint, and Laura is the wife of Charles Druson, also of Flint.

Frank H. Utley was reared on the farm in Flint township, and was educated in the district schools. On November 21, 1883, he was united in marriage to Addie Oliver, who was born in Lapeer county and was educated in the Flint high school, after which, for seven years, she was a teacher in the Utley school, district No. 7. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Utley located on the farm where they remained until 1912, when they removed to Flint, where they now reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Utley are the parents of two children, Neva, who resides in Flint, and Charles, a graduate of the Baker Business College, who is at present a rural mail carrier.

Frank H. Utley and wife are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church at Flint and tak an active part in church work. Politically, Mr. Utley is a Republican and has served as township treasurer.

EARL ECKLEY.

One of the citizens of Burton township, this county, who has always stood for progress, not only in material things, but in civic educational and moral life is Earl Eckley, who, while laboring for his own welfare, has never been neglectful of the good of his neighbors and the general public. He was born in Grand Blanc, this county, November 14, 1852, a son of William and Elsie (Gillett) Eckley. The father was born in 1811 in Devonshire, England, where he lived until he was twenty-one years of age, being reared on a farm. Then, in 1832, he set sail for America, locating in New York City, where he learned the wagon-maker's trade and was married in 1835. His wife, Elsie Gillett, was born in 1819 in Avon, New York, of pure Yankee extraction. Shortly after their marriage William Eckley and wife came to Michigan, locating in Grand Blanc township, this county, where Mr. Eckley secured ten acres on a trade, which he later sold and then bought sixty acres. Working hard and managing well he prospered and added to his original holdings until he at one time owned two hundred and seventy-five acres, all in Grand Blanc township. After selling one hundred acres he moved to the village of Grand Blanc, later selling out and moving to Watersville, in Tuscola county, where his death occurred in 1894. His wife died many years before, in 1869. They were parents of eleven children, namely: Sarah, who died in infancy; Eliza Jane, the widow of Frank Cousins; William Henry, deceased; Charles H., deceased; Charlotte A., widow of M. Bardwell, now living in Jackson, Mississippi; Clara, deceased; Effie E., the widow of John Hughes of Tuscola county, this state; Earl, the subject of this sketch; Andrew J., deceased; Daniel, deceased, and Fred, who lives near Reed City, in Osceola county, this state. Following the death of the mother of these children William Eckley married Amelia Williamson, to which union was born one child, Clema, who is now living in the West.

Earl Eckley grew up on the home farm and received a common-school education, remaining at home with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began working the home place on the shares, remaining there for five years after his marriage. He then moved to Mundy township, where he lived nineteen years at the end of which time, in 1901, he located in Burton township, where he lived for five years. He moved to his present farm in 1906, and in the following year bought the place, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres in section 16, one and one-half miles from Flint.

On December 18, 1877, Earl Eckley was married to Elnora Alexander, who was born in Flint township, this county, October 17, 1857, a daughter of John and Rosalie (Beamer) Alexander. John Alexander came with his father from the state of New York to Genesee county in an early day, the family settling in Burton township. Rosalie Beamer was also born in New York state and she came with her parents to this locality when young and here met and married Mr. Alexander, after which they settled in Flint township. She died in 1869, aged thirty-eight years. Mr. Alexander survived her until 1907, having spent most of his life in Flint township. They were parents of five children, namely: Wallace, deceased; Elnora, wife of Mr. Eckley, the subject of this sketch; John, living in Mundy township; Phillip, who lives in Burton township, and Fred, who lives in Montrose township. After the death of his first wife, John Alexander married Deborah Morton, and to them three children were born, namely: Algie, a lake captain, who lives near Milwaukee; Mrs. Lois Pinney, a widow, living near Cheboygan, Wisconsin, and Mary, who is married and lives at Spokane, Washington.

To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eckley five children have been born, namely: Ward W., who is a carpenter and lives in Flint; Bertha May, who died in infancy; Elsie, who lives at home; Orrio Belle, also at home, and Dorris B., who was graduated from the Flint high school in 1915, and is now employed as bookkeeper in the Buick automobile factory at Flint.

Politically, Mr. Eckley is a Republican. He served as school assessor and as school director for six years while living in Mundy township.

WARREN G. RIPLEY.

The career of Warren G. Ripley, now living in retirement in the village of Linden, has been a varied and interesting one—farmer, blacksmith, sailor and soldier, being one of the veterans of the "grand army" that saved the nation in the dark days of the sixties; but he is, first and foremost, a good citizen in the fullest sense of the term. He was born in Washington county, New York, March 1, 1842, and is a son of George W. and Cynthia (Holbrook) Ripley, both natives of the state of New York, the father born on November 19, 1819, and the mother at Whitehall in 1823. Grandfather Ripley, who was known as "Doctor," although no physician, served in the Revolutionary War and the subject of this sketch has a fife used by him at



Warren G. Kelsey

the battle of Saratoga, October 9, 1777. He spent his life in Vermont and New York, dying near Oswego, in the latter state. The parents of Warren G. Ripley grew up in their native state and were married in Washington county, New York. They came to Genesee county, Michigan, in 1852 and the following year bought eighty acres in section 9, Fenton township, which the father cleared, and they spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring in 1897; his wife survived until 1902, reaching an advanced age. They belonged to the Methodist church in Linden. They were parents of the following children: Warren G., of this sketch; Mary, deceased; Margaret, deceased; Viola; Eugene; Elmer, deceased.

Warren G. Ripley was ten years old when he came with his parents to Michigan, and here he assisted his father clear his land and establish the family home in the wilderness. He received a meager education in the pioneer district schools. Upon reaching maturity he married, on March 14, 1864, at Holly, Michigan, Mary E. Loveless, a native of Corning, New York, and a daughter of Isaac and Prudence Loveless. To their union four children were born, namely, Mahlon, who died aged five years; George I., who lives in East St. Louis, Illinois; Clara A., the wife of Charles B. Ebert, of Parkersburg, West Virginia; John M., who married Nellie McLean and lives in Linden.

Mr. Ripley enlisted, on May 9, 1861, in Company K, Second Michigan Volunteer Infantry, but was transferred to Battery H, First United States Artillery, January 14, 1863, in which he remained until 1867, his life as a soldier thus extending over a period of five years, nine months and one day. He served all through the Civil War with credit and ability and took part in many of the great battles of the war, serving under Generals McDale, McClellan, Burnside, Hooker, Meade and Grant. He escaped without injury. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was discharged with that title.

When a young man Mr. Ripley learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in Linden for some time. Later, he was employed in the Flint Wagon Works six years, then engaged in farming for some time, but moved to Linden in 1911 where he owns a house and lot, also eighty acres of land in section 15, Fenton township. After leaving the army, he located on a farm here. About the year 1860 he sailed on the Great Lakes on the "Evergreen City," which plied between Chicago and Collingwood, also made one trip by boat down the Mississippi river and return.

Mr. Ripley is a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist church and, politically, is a Republican.

GRANT DELBRIDGE.

Grant Delbridge, a farmer and stock raiser of Flushing township, was born in Hazelton township, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, on October 10, 1868, the son of John L. and Susan (Stone) Delbridge.

John L. Delbridge, the son of William and Grace Delbridge, was born in the state of New York on August 3, 1839. The parents, William and Grace Delbridge were born in England, where they grew to manhood and womanhood and were married. They came to the United States in 1835 and for some years lived in the state of New York. The family later came to Michigan, and for a few years lived in Clinton county, before they bought the farm near Brent Creek. They had lived there about a few years when Grace Delbridge died. William Delbridge, after the death of his wife, moved to Flushing, where he conducted a blacksmith shop until his death in 1870. To William and Grace Delbridge were born the following children: Mary (deceased), John, Lucy (deceased), Louise, who died on August 7, 1916; Louis, William, Grace (deceased) and James, who died when but a child.

John L. Delbridge came to Michigan with his parents when but four years of age. Here he received his education and grew to manhood. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-third Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and was in the service until 1865. He was in many important engagements and was once wounded. He was with Sherman on the march to the sea. On his return after the war, he discontinued his work as a blacksmith, and bought a farm near Hazelton where he lived for some years. He later removed to Vernon, Shiawassee county, where he still resides.

John L. Delbridge as a young man was married to Susan Stone, of Flushing, the daughter of William and Betsy Stone. She was born on April 27, 1839, in Oakland county, where her parents had settled after leaving their home in the state of New York. Mrs. Delbridge died on June 18, 1901. To John L. and Susan Delbridge were born five children, Grant, Wilber, William, Dimmic and Clarence.

Grant Delbridge received his education in the log school house of Hazelton and the Center. He lived at home until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he rented a farm northwest of Lathrop, Hazelton township, Shiawassee county, and began active life as a farmer.

On September 16, 1891, Grant Delbridge was united in marriage to Jennie Hart, the daughter of John and Harriet (Farnsworth) Hart. To this union the following children were born: Laverne, born on July 28,

1892; Grace, October 21, 1893, wife of Milton Smith; Florence, April 3, 1899; Ross, February 25, 1901, and Olive, February 22, 1904.

John Hart, a native of Scotland, and his wife, settled in Oakland county in early life and it was there that their daughter, Jennie, was born. When she was one year old the family moved to Montrose township, where they lived for eleven years. They then moved to New Lathrop, where Harriet Hart died. Soon after the death of his wife, John Hart bought a farm near New Lathrop and there made his home until his death, in 1896.

Soon after his marriage, Grant Delbridge rented a farm west of New Lathrop, where he lived until he rented another farm north of Flushing, where he and his family lived for over nine years. They later resided on a farm east of Flushing for one year, and then, for seven years, on a farm near Flushing. In 1908 they purchased a farm of eighty acres in section 25, Flushing township. In 1910 they moved onto the farm they had purchased two years before, and still make that place their home. There Mr. Delbridge is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is interested in Holstein and Durham cattle and Duroc hogs. His farm is in excellent condition, well developed and improved. The house, a modern structure, was built in 1911 and the barns, one thirty-six by forty-eight feet and the other thirty-six by fifty feet, are model buildings.

Politically, Mr. Delbridge is a Republican and has served his township as a member of the school board for many years. Fraternally he is a member of the Yeomen at Flint.

HENRY H. KAHL.

This well-known citizen was one of the loyal supporters of the Union, who went out to fight for its preservation over a half century ago, when the slaveholders undertook to separate the slave states from the free states and to establish a slave republic in the southern half of the United States. It gives the historian pleasure to place on record the careers of the "boys in blue," for their sacrifices were too great not to deserve ample mention in the annals of the race.

Henry H. Kahl, retired farmer of Flushing township, this county, was born in Richmond county, Ohio, September 12, 1836, and is a son of Henry Kahl, a native of Pennsylvania, who, in 1824, moved to Richland county, Ohio, a pioneer, and there cleared land and devoted his life to farming,

dying there. He was a Whig until 1856, when he allied himself with the newly-organized Republican party. He was a Dunkard in religion. He married Susan Rank, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1801. To these parents thirteen children were born. Of these, Caroline, Lucinda, Isabelle, Mary and Hannah, all born in Pennsylvania, are all deceased. The eight following were born in Ohio: Levina, deceased; Aaron, who died in early life; Henry H., the subject of this sketch; John, who is living at Andrews, Indiana; George, deceased; Ezra, now living at Young America, Indiana, and Cassie, who died in infancy.

Henry H. Kahl grew up on the home farm in Ohio, where he worked hard when a boy, and he received his education in the district schools. He remained at home until he was eighteen years old, when he went to Young America, Indiana, and worked at the carpenter's trade six years, then returned to Ohio and was engaged in the threshing business with his brothers for two years. During the first year of the Civil War he enlisted in Company I, Fifteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but on account of illness was not able to go to the front at once. One year and three months later, August 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he saw a great deal of active service. His first battle was that of Perryville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862. He also fought at Chickamauga, one of the greatest battles of the war, and at Missionary Ridge. He also took part in the Atlanta campaign under General Sherman, and fought at Rome, Dallas Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro, and Atlanta, Georgia; and at Aversboro and Bentonville, North Carolina. He marched with Sherman to the sea, thence northward through the Carolinas, and was in the Grand Review in Washington, D. C., at the close of the war. He then was honorably discharged and returned home.

On May 17, 1866, Henry H. Kahl was married to Margaret Church, who was born in Ohio, May 17, 1843, a daughter of William and Margaret (Scott) Church, pioneers of Ohio, and parents of ten children, Thomas, Elizabeth, Caroline, Bushnell, Varner, Sallie Ann, Rachel, Alfred, Margaret and Galord, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Kahl.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kahl, namely: Jennie, born in Ohio, April 8, 1867, now deceased; Mary born in Michigan, November 8, 1868, who married Melvin Ball, a farmer of near Brent Creek; Bismark, born on October 28, 1870, is now living on the homestead near Brent Creek; Willis, December 27, 1872, is farming in Flushing township; Harry, March 16, 1876, lives in Ypsilanti, this state; Frank, October 20, 1879, now

deceased; the seventh child died in infancy, unnamed; Erma, August 2, 1880, now deceased.

Mr Kahl is an independent voter. He served as justice of the peace in Flushing township for one term. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. He is a man of exemplary character, has followed the Golden Rule and has never been sued or sued a man and has never been on the witness-stand. He and his faithful life companion took an extended trip during the winter of 1915-16 through the South, visiting the scenes of the many battles in which he fought.

Mr. Kahl has devoted his active life to general farming and stock raising. He came to Genesee county in 1868 and purchased a farm in Flushing township, on which he lived until retiring from active life. He is now in his eightieth year, but is hale and hearty. He and his good wife have traveled life's winding pathway together for more than fifty years and are highly respected by all who know them.

FRANCIS WHITMORE.

Many were the hardships and privations endured by the early pioneers, but they were courageous and were willing to "labor and to wait," knowing that future years would find life easier for them as well as for their children. Francis Whitmore, a venerable farmer of Gaines township, is one of this hardy band of frontiersmen who is deserving of the thanks of the present generation. He was born near Liverpool, New York, July 14, 1840. He came to Michigan with his parents, the family locating in Livingston county, where he grew to manhood. His parents resided in Dearfield township on a small farm from 1844 to 1852, then moved to Genesee county, locating in Gaines township, which was then practically a wilderness; thus during the period of sixty-four years that the subject of this sketch has lived here he has seen the country transformed to one of the leading farming communities in the state, and he has done his share of this work. His wife, whose maiden name was Sophia Burton, was a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Putnam) Burton, and she was born in Lyons township, Oakland county, Michigan, May 31, 1837, where she resided until she was eighteen years old. She received a good education for those early days and was given a certificate to teach school, teaching in her native township for one term before coming to

Genesee county, where she continued teaching in Gaines township for seven years. She and Francis Whitmore were married on February 28, 1866. They at once settled on a farm of eighty acres in Gaines township, where they have since resided, being well known and highly respected by all.

Mr. Whitmore enlisted for service in the Union army, from Deerfield, Livingston county, September 10, 1861, in Company I, Eighth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, in which he served eighteen months. He was wounded on June 16, 1862, at the battle of James Island and spent the following nine months in the hospital. He was honorably discharged on March 27, 1863. Returning to Genesee county, he continued to reside with his parents until his marriage in 1866. To Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore two children have been born, William D., who lives in Deer, and Effie L., the wife of Charles J. Shaw, of Owosso.

Politically, Mr. Whitmore is a Republican. He is a member of Samuel Atherton Post No. 116, Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Gaines township. She was formerly one of the leading workers in the Duffield church.

HARRY C. HILL.

Harry C. Hill, a prominent farmer and the proprietor of "Maple Wood Farm," five miles west of Flint, was born on the farm he now owns, on September 29, 1872, son of George J. W. and Helen (Bidwell) Hill.

George Hill was born in Bisley, England, and came to the United States at the age of fourteen years. He later came to Michigan, locating at Ypsilanti, where he learned the cabinet-makers trade. In 1840 he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Flint, being the first undertaker in that place. He made his own coffins and furniture. In 1870 he sold the business and retired to a farm, where he lived until his death, which occurred on June 1, 1901. His wife died in 1893. Politically, George Hill was a Democrat and took an active part in local politics, always looking to the interests of the community and looking to the selection of the best men to office. He was a member of the Episcopal church, while his wife was a member of the Presbyterian church.

George and Helen Hill were the parents of eleven children, three of whom are living, Flora, Arthur and Harry C. Flora Hill is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is teaching in the Northern State Normal

School at Marquette. She has been in Europe three times furthering her education. Arthur G. Hill is now a resident of Shelby, Michigan.

Harry C. Hill was reared on the farm and received his education in the district schools and in the high school at Flint. Mr. Hill has always taken an active interest in politics and has been a delegate to the county, state and national conventions. His influence has always been exerted in behalf of clean policies and good men in public office.

ARA G. EDSON.

Ara G. Edson, a farmer and stockman, living on his farm, known as "Chestnut Farm," six miles southwest of Flint, was born in Gaines township, this county, August 20, 1862, the son of Arving and Philena (Wetherby) Edson.

Arving Edson was born in Massachusetts and later lived in Vermont, where he met and married Philena Wetherby, who was of English descent. After their marriage they came to Michigan and settled not far from Lapeer, where they purchased a farm in 1856 and lived until 1860. At that time they sold the farm and moved to Gaines township, this county, where Mr. Edson lived until the time of his death in 1864. Mrs. Edson later married Otis Edson with whom she lived until her death in 1874. Arving and Philena Edson were the parents of four children: George, a resident of Jackson county; Lydia, the wife of Albert Vincent of Durand; Elizabeth, the wife of John Vincent, of Durand, and Ara, the subject of this sketch.

Ara Edson began to work for others, by the month, when he was but thirteen years of age and continued to do so until June 6, 1886, when he was married to Rena Utley, the daughter of Mallory and Julia (Curtis) Utley, the former of whom was a native of the state of New York, who came with his parents to Michigan as a young man. Julia Curtis was born in Genesee county. After their marriage, Mallory Utley and wife located in Farmington township and later in Mundy township where they resided until they moved to Flint, where Mr. Utley died in 1914. They were the parents of three children, Rena, Willard C. and Clyde.

After his marriage, Ara G. Edson bought a farm in Vernon township, where he lived for twelve years, at the end of which time he sold the farm and rented for five years, after which he purchased the one hundred and fifty-five acres where he and his family now live.

Ara G. Edson and wife are the parents of two children, Ray A., who married Florence Fowler and has three children, Robert A., Gerald N., Ralph A., and Glenn G., who is at home.

Mr. Edson is a member of the Gleaners and of the Grange, in both of which organizations he has filled all the chairs. Mrs. Edson is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and takes much interest in the work of that organization. Mr. Edson takes much interest in local politics and has served as township treasurer, as highway commissioner and as justice of the peace.

JOHN H. JENNINGS.

When a young man, John H. Jennings, now living in honorable retirement in Fenton, Michigan, developed a laudable desire not only to accomplish something worth while, but also to be of service to his associates on the high-way of life. Thus it is not to be wondered at that he has not only acquired a comfortable competency, but has also long occupied an envied position as a useful citizen.

Mr. Jennings was born in Kent, Ohio, January 25, 1863, and is a son of H. N. and Lydia A. (Peck) Jennings. The father came to Michigan in 1867, after having married in Columbus, Ohio. He was a printer by trade and for some time worked on *The Ohio State Journal*, published at Columbus. This was in the pioneer days when most of the news that went into the paper was obtained from the passengers on the stage coaches. After coming to Genesee county he established the *Fenton Independent*, which newspaper he published with success for a period of forty years. His death occurred in March, 1913, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He was active in Republican politics from the time that party was organized back in the fifties until his death. He was a member of the Pioneer Association here and served on the village board many times. He was a member of the Masonic order. He continued to own and publish the *Independent* until his retirement from active life in 1911, when he sold the plant to S. F. Beach, the present publisher. His wife preceded him to the grave on June 13, 1902, at the age of seventy-five years. To these parents four children were born, namely: Elizabeth, who has remained single; Clara, who married C. D. Thompson; Cora, who married A. L. Craft, and John H., of this sketch.

John H. Jennings received his education in the public schools and in the

University of Michigan, where he spent four years, graduating from that institution in 1883. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. After his graduation, he identified himself with his father's newspaper, becoming manager. He has been living in retirement for some time. He owns fifteen acres adjoining the town of Fenton and on this he makes his home. He also owns a valuable and well-improved farm of one hundred and forty-five acres in this township.

Mr. Jennings was married on February 6, 1892, to Mary E. Reeson, who was born on July 18, 1863. She was a daughter of John and Mary Ann (Thompson) Reeson, pioneers of Genesee county, there being but four buildings on the present site of Fenton when they came to this vicinity. They took up a homestead and developed a good farm through their industry and perseverance. Mrs. Jennings was a member of the Presbyterian church and a lady of many estimable qualities. She was called to her eternal rest on February 28, 1914.

Politically, Mr. Jennings has been active in the Republican party ever since attaining his majority, but he has never sought public preferment. He is a member of the library commission and has been supervisor of his township for a period of ten years.

ROBERT C. DAVISON.

Robert C. Davison, of Thetford township, this county, is a type of modern farmer, a man who uses more brains than brawn in operating his place. He was born on the far-away hills of "bonnie Scotland," the land of heath and heather, of Bruce and Burns—the land of romance. His birth occurred in Fifeshire on May 16, 1869. He is a son of William and Isabelle (Chapman) Davidson. The father was born in Strathmiglo, Scotland, where he was reared and learned the trade of weaver, which he followed for a livelihood. Isabelle Chapman was also born and reared in that town and there they were married. In 1884, when their son, Robert C., was fourteen years old, they immigrated to the United States, proceeding directly to Flint, where the father worked in the mills there for six months, then bought a farm in the northeastern corner of Thetford township, where he spent the rest of his life, dying in February, 1913. His wife preceded him to the grave on August 1, 1910. Seven children were born to these parents, namely: James,

who lives in Detroit; Marguerite, wife of David Richardson, of Flint; Anne, the widow of David Fisher, lives in Flint; Robert C., the subject of this sketch; William, who lives in Forest township; Christina, wife of Frank Hammil, of Plymouth, Michigan, and David, who lives on the old homestead.

Robert C. Davidson spent his boyhood in Scotland and attended the public schools there, from which he was graduated. Upon coming to Michigan he found employment at Flint with W. A. Patterson, with whom he remained for ten years, from the age of fifteen to twenty-five. He lived at home for awhile after that and then worked in Forest township for Mary McClew, and while there married on February 24, 1904, Leona McClew, a daughter of Alex and Mary McClew, both natives of Scotland, from which country they came as children to the United States, with their parents, the families locating in this county, where Mr. and Mrs. McClew married. Mr. Davidson has worked hard and been economical and is now owner of a neatly-kept and productive farm of ninety-five acres in section 15, Thetford township.

DANIEL J. JOHNSTON.

Daniel J. Johnston, retired farmer of Flushing township, this county, has exercised such sound judgment and persistency in his active career that he has been able to earn a good livelihood and rear his family in comfort, notwithstanding the usual adversities that occasionally beset the pathway of every mortal. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, September 7, 1844, and is a son of Thomas Scott Johnston, who was born in the same locality, and who died when Daniel J. was two and one-half years old. In 1840 the father, who was a carpenter, moved to Olga, Byron county, Illinois, and while working in the lumber camps on Rock river getting out timber, got hurt and caught cold, which resulted in his death in 1847. He was a Whig and a Presbyterian. He married Mary J. Roe, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, March 1, 1822, and to that union two children were born, Daniel J., the subject of this sketch, and Joseph R., whose birth occurred on September 7, 1846. Joseph R. Johnston enlisted, after the third attempt, in the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, in the spring of 1864. His first service was at Johnson's Island, where he spent six months guarding Confederate prisoners. While there he contracted the measles, which deprived him of the power of speech for three months. He remained in the service until the

close of the war, then came to Michigan, where he made his home with the subject of this sketch, his health having been permanently impaired as a result of his services in the army. His death occurred in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1901.

Thomas and Elizabeth Roe, the maternal grandparents of Daniel J. Johnston, were natives of Vermont, from which state they moved to Richland county, Ohio, where they spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, Joseph, Thomas, Washington, Mary J., who married Thomas S. Johnston; Elizabeth, Sallie, Lucinda and Anderson, of Iowa.

Daniel J. Johnston was but a child when the family went to Illinois from Ohio, making the trip in a one-horse buggy. After the death of the father, the mother went back to Richland county, Ohio, with her children, after spending two years in Illinois, and the subject of this sketch remained in Ohio until 1867, when he came to Michigan, bringing a team of horses, and worked in the lumber woods one year. In the spring of 1868 he settled with his mother in Flushing township, this county, buying a farm there the following year, and there he carried on general farming and stock raising for many years, finally selling out and buying a farm of sixty acres in section 4, where he still lives, being now retired from the active labors of the farm.

Mr. Johnston was married in 1869 to Elizabeth Demming, who was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, January 1, 1846, her parents being early settlers of that locality. Her father was a soldier in the Civil War and died while in the service. His widow survived until 1912. Mrs. Johnston died on September 18, 1886, leaving five children, namely: Joseph, born on June 13, 1870, who is now engaged in the hay-brokerage business in the state of Washington; Hattie D., June 1, 1872, who married William Hudson, of Galesburg, Illinois; Mary J., September 15, 1873, who died on July 31, 1891; Ethel M., May 2, 1875, who married Warren Vernon, a merchant, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Lucinda P., May 18, 1878, who married George Dunham, a farmer, of Flushing. In 1896 Daniel J. Johnston married Mary A. Call, who was born in the village of Flushing, this county, in 1857. Her parents, who were early settlers in Flushing, are now deceased.

Mr. Johnston is a Prohibitionist and an independent voter. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder for the past twenty years. He has traveled extensively, having been across the United States four times, taking different routes each time. He also took an extended trip to Europe, going from Montreal, Canada, to England; then

visited France, Belgium and Scotland, returning to America by way of Liverpool and New York. In August, 1916, Mr. Johnston took a trip to Colorado and on the way he stopped at Reynolds, Nebraska, and visited his father's youngest sister, eighty-five years old, the only remaining one of the family. He also went to Byron and visited his father's grave and while there he had the pleasure of visiting three cousins, the children of Ansa Johnston, his father's brother. One of these cousins is a preacher, living at Kansas, Missouri. One as a doctor, living in Byron, Illinois, and the other is a farmer, living at the same place.

FRED R. OTTAWAY.

It is a great privilege to be able to spend one's life on the old home place. "The roof that heard our earliest cry" has a charm and fascination for us which we cannot find elsewhere, and no matter where on earth our restless footsteps wander we ever long to be back under the old roof-tree. However, this is by no means practicable to most people. Fred R. Ottaway was born on the farm where he now lives in Clayton township, this county, December 18, 1867. He is a son of James E. and Eliza (Ryno) Ottaway. The father was born in Maidstone, County Kent, England, October 17, 1835, and was a son of Stephen and Mary (Ralph) Ottaway. In 1839, when James E. was four years old, the family came to the United States, locating in Flint, Michigan, in the spring of that year, and Stephen and two of his sons located in Flushing township, now Clayton township. There were no roads of any kind hereabout in those days and they followed an old railroad slashing. Stephen Ottaway had acquired fifteen acres from two brothers who had preceded him here two years previously from England. On this land he erected a log cabin, in which he settled his family in the fall of 1839. He worked hard and eventually became the owner of one hundred and eight acres, and there he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1848. James E. Ottaway purchased the interest of the other heirs and remained on the place, which he added to until he owned three hundred and thirty-two acres, the area the farm still covers. He added many improvements to the place and became one of the leading general farmers in the township. He continued to live there until 1889. In 1888 he had built the first grain elevator in Flushing and moved there the following year and operated the elevator successfully until his death on May 12, 1895. His

family consisted of three children, namely: Fred R., the subject of this sketch; Winifred, the wife of H. H. Prosser, of Flushing, and Claude V., who is connected with the Citizens Commercial Savings Bank, of Flint. Politically, James E. Ottaway was a Democrat and was clerk of Clayton township continuously for twenty-five years. He also served one term as supervisor. He was a member of the local tent of the Knights of the Macabees at Flushing.

Fred R. Ottaway received his elementary education in the district schools and later attended a business college in Flint for nine months. He worked on the home farm until the fall of 1888, when he moved to Flushing and was connected with the elevator business, with his father, until 1894, when he took active charge of the same, for some time having charge of two elevators, one of which he still owns. He moved back to the homestead farm in 1915 and has since been actively engaged in general farming and stock raising.

On January 11, 1893, Fred R. Ottaway was married to Nettie M. Phelps, a daughter of Cyrus and Jennie (Davis) Phelps. Cyrus Phelps was born in Genesee county, New York, on a farm, where he remained until he went to Illinois. While there the Civil War broke out, and he enlisted in Company A, Tenth Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry, in which he served gallantly until the close of the war, being promoted for meritorious conduct to sergeant. After the war he took a position with the United States Express Company, with which he remained until his health failed, whereupon he returned to Illinois, where he had previously purchased a farm, and in 1888 moved thence to Flushing, this county, engaging there in the hardware business for many years, but is now retired from active life. To him and his wife three children were born, namely: Cyrus, who died when two years of age; Nettie M., wife of Mr. Ottaway, and Merton D., who is engaged in the hardware business in Flushing.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ottaway five children have been born, namely: Marion E., who was graduated from the Flushing schools and from the Baker Business College in Flint and is now employed as stenographer for the Michigan Motor Castings Company; Ralph J., who was graduated from the Flushing schools and is now at home; Stuart P., who is attending high school in Flint; Marjorie, who is also attending the Flint high school, and James E.

Politically, Mr. Ottaway is a Republican. He was supervisor of Flushing township from 1903 to 1912, inclusive, and in 1901 and 1902 was township treasurer. Previously he had been village president. In 1913 he was

elected county road commissioner, which office he still holds. Mrs. Ottaway is a member of the Methodist church at Flushing. Fraternally, he is a member of Flushing Lodge No. 223, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Flint Rapids Chapter No. 116, Royal Arch Masons, while he and his wife are charter members of Flushing Chapter No. 176, Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Ottaway is a past master and past high priest of the Masonic lodge at Flushing and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs. The Ottaways have a very pleasant home and take an earnest interest in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful in promoting all movements designed to advance the common welfare thereabout.

ELVAH VICTOR PARTRIDGE.

Elvah Victor Partridge, a prominent farmer of Genesee county was born on a farm in Flushing township on May 15, 1881, the son of William E. Partridge and wife. He grew to manhood on the home farm, where he now resides, and was educated in the schools of Flushing township and at the Flint Normal School. After completing his schooling he returned to the home farm and assisted in the management of the place. At the death of his parents, he purchased one hundred acres of the heirs in section 12, Flushing township. Since that time Mr. Partridge has added to the farm forty acres in section 6 of Mt. Morris township. He has a well-cultivated farm and has improved the same in admirable fashion. There he is doing general farming and is also interested in the raising of Durham cattle and Duroc hogs. He also handles a number of good sheep.

William E. and Sarah (McDowell) Partridge, the parents of Elvah V. Partridge, were born in the state of New York and in Flushing township, this county, respectively, the former on February 21, 1841, and the latter on January 3, 1849. William E. Partridge came to this county as a young man and settled in section 12 of Flushing township, where he lived until his death in 1908. His widow survived him about four years, her death occurring on February 15, 1912. They were the parents of four children, Earl, Herman, Elvah and one who died in infancy.

Earl Partridge was born in Flushing township on November 14, 1873. There he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the district school and at the Flushing high school. He later attended the Flint Normal School and then took a course in engineering and for a time operated the engine at

the fire-clay pit. He also operated the engine for the Armstrong Spring Company for a year, at the end of which time he returned to the old homestead and worked the farm for his mother and at her death purchased sixty acres of the place, to which he has added twenty acres.

On April 22, 1900, Earl Partridge married Amanda Stimmens, who was born in Detroit on April 13, 1879. Her mother having died when she was but a child, she was placed in a school in Detroit, her father having returned to Germany. Earl and Amanda Partridge are the parents of four children: Helen M. and Margurete, twins, born on March 22, 1903; Julia, born in 1905, and Gladys, in 1908.

Earl Partridge has a well-cultivated farm and has improved the same in excellent shape. He has a modern house and well built barns and is engaged in general farming and stock raising. Fraternally, Mr. Partridge is a Gleaner and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

GEORGE H. EDDY.

George H. Eddy came West from Warren, Rhode Island, and in time purchased his farm in Flint township, where he still resides with his family.

LEMUEL RICHMOND.

With a little study and experience it is always possible to determine exactly what particular crop should succeed another, and any up-to-date farmer knows the value of proper crop rotation. This problem seems to be well understood by Lemuel Richmond, of Fenton township, this county. He has lived in this locality for over three decades and has watched closely the best methods of farming. He was born in Washtenaw county, Michigan, August 8, 1867, and is a son of Horace and Antoinette (Cowden) Richmond, and a grandson of Ira Cowden, a farmer, who was born in Cattaraugus county, New York. Horace Richmond was born near Delhi Mills, Michigan, in 1837, and his death occurred in 1883. His widow survived him thirty years, dying at an advanced age, on January 6, 1914. To these parents three children were born, namely: Mattie, who died in December, 1915, when fifty years old; Lemuel, the subject of this sketch, and Hattie, who lives in California. The father of these children spent the major por-

tion of his life in Washtenaw county, this state, where he engaged in farming and in the milling business, owning a mill at Amy at the time of his death.

Lemuel Richmond was educated in the common schools at Amy. In 1884 he came to Genesee county and located on his present farm in Fenton township, where he owns a well-improved and productive farm of one hundred and twenty-three acres.

On September 18, 1889, Mr. Richmond was married to Ida J. Badgley, a daughter of Chauncey Badgley, an early settler in Genesee county and a veteran of the Civil War. His wife was Anna Doty before her marriage. He was an active member of the Methodist church.

Seven children, all living at home, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Richmond, namely: Helen, Jay, Horace, Alda, Eldon, Leslie and Lemuel, Jr. Mr. Richmond is a member of the Methodist church at Fenton and is a member of the Gleaners.

E. B. STILES.

Much depends upon the kind of start one gets in this world, just as it does in a race. The horse that gets the best start, all other things being equal, will almost invariably win the race. So in the race of life: If one is properly started, with suitable grooming, such as good educational and home training, he will lead in the race in after years. E. B. Stiles, who operates an elevator in Linden, Genesee county, seems to have had such a start.

Mr. Stiles was born in Livingston county, Michigan, August 27, 1875, and is a son of W. B. and Ella (Whitney) Stiles. The maternal grandfather, B. G. Whitney, who was a native of the state of New York, devoted his life to general farming; he spent forty years in McComb and Genesee counties, Michigan, dying in the latter. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Grandfather W. B. Stiles was also a native of the state of New York. He married Cornelia Rumsey and devoted his active life to farming. The father of the subject was born in the state of New York and received a common school education. He came to Michigan when twenty years old and joined his brother in Livingston county, where he bought forty acres of land, and here he married Ella Whitney, who was born in Macomb county, this state; they are living in Argentine, where he is engaged in the lumber business. He is a member of the Methodist Epis-



E B Stiles

copal church. They are the parents of seven children, all living, namely: E. B., Cornelia, E. R., D. Roy, Floyd D., Jennie and Mabel.

E. B. Stiles received his education in the public schools of Livingston and Genesee county, also attending the normal school in Fenton. On June 6, 1894, he married Lena B. Struble, a native of Genesee county and a daughter of R. K. and Catherine (Dodder) Struble. The father came here from Ohio in pioneer days and was at one time supervisor of his township.

Mr. Stiles owns an excellent and well-improved farm of two hundred and seventy acres in Argentine township, Genesee county, which he operated five years. He has been engaged in the elevator business since 1904 and has been very successful in the same, carrying on a large business all the while. He first owned an elevator at Davisburg, then at Fostoria, then bought a half interest in the elevator at Argentine, which he later sold. He now owns a half interest in the elevator at Fostoria and is the sole owner of the elevator at Linden. He is a member of the Advent church.

ERNEST L. BAILEY.

Nature has given most men sufficient natural ability to succeed in farming, but so many are indifferent, apathetic or unwilling to put forth the proper amount of physical and mental exertion to reap large rewards in this greatest of all callings. Ernest L. Bailey of Flushing township, this county, has succeeded as a farmer because he has been both industrious and a close observer. He was born in the above-named township and county, November 6, 1871, and is a son of Edwin A. Bailey, who was born near Stockport, England, October 18, 1840, and who came with his parents, William Bailey and wife, to the United States when young, the family locating in what is known as the English settlement in Flushing township, this county. William Bailey there purchased sixty acres of timber land, which he cleared and transformed into a good little farm through much hard work and privation. William Bailey, who was a native of England, was an expert miller and also a finisher of woolen goods and had never attempted farming until coming here. He and a Mr. Reed were the original settlers in the English colony. He married Mary Goodard, a native of England, whose death occurred about 1845, as a result of the hardships encountered in the new country. His death occurred in 1873. Five children were born to them, namely: Maria, who died in childhood; Thomas, who also died in childhood; Hannah,

who married Enoch Vernon, one of the early English settlers in this county, now deceased, his widow making her home with her children, five sons and two daughters, all surviving, the fruit of her union with Mr. Vernon; Edwin A., the father of the subject of this sketch, and John H., who now lives retired in the village of Flushing.

Edwin A. Bailey was sixteen years old when he went into the lumber woods after his arrival in this county and performed a man's work, later returning to the home farm, assisting his father clear and plant the land to crops, thus, like the sons of all pioneers of those days he learned the meaning of hard work. He remained with his parents until his marriage when he located in section 5 of Flushing township, where he purchased a farm of his own, which he operated until 1894, when he retired from active life, moved to the village of Flushing and lived there quietly until his death, which occurred on March 31, 1913. He married Ellen S. Wood, who was born in the English settlement here, August 26, 1843, a daughter of James and Sarah (Burgess) Wood, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To Edwin A. Bailey and wife five children were born, namely: Randolph W., born on September 29, 1867, who is farming in Shiawassee county, married twice, the last time to Etta Harkness, who is the mother of eight children, five of whom are living; Ernest L., the subject of this sketch; Mabel, born on April 12, 1877, who married N. A. Morrish, a farmer of Clayton township, this county, and has three children; Milton E., May 25, 1879, who lives on the old Bailey homestead, is married and has one child, and Vera, February 9, 1885, who married Carl Wilcox, a druggist and merchant of Henderson, this state, and has one child.

Ernest L. Bailey received his schooling in the district schools and worked on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. After making two moves he located on the farm he now owns, which he purchased in 1908. He has always lived in his present vicinity. He owns a well-improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which farm was one of the first to be cleared in the English settlement. A general store was located on it for some time in the early days, which was the trading points of the settlement. There is also a tenant house on the farm which is supposed to be the oldest building in that community.

In 1804, Ernest L. Bailey was married to Florence Hallock, who was born at Vernon, Shiawassee county, November 8, 1874, a daughter of Dewitt and Helen (Bigelow) Hallock, for many years residents of a farm in that county, but now living retired in Flint. To Mr. and Mrs. Bailey one child

has been born, a son, Raymond H., born on July 13, 1896, who was graduated from the high school at Flushing with the class of 1916.

Politically, Mr. Bailey is a Republican. He is a member of the Masonic Order, lodge No. 426 at Montrose, also of the Order of the Eastern Star, lodge No. 351, at Montrose, and is a member of the Gleaners at Brent Creek. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church at New Lothrop.

CHARLES S. MORRIS.

A well-known citizen of the village of Gaines, this county, is Charles S. Morris, who hails from the old Empire state and who, since taking up his residence here, has won a prominent place among the enterprising men of his locality. He was born in Niagara county, New York, July 30, 1866, a son of W. O. and Lavina E. (Winchester) Morris. The father was also a native of that county, where he grew up on a farm. The mother was a native of Quebec, Canada, from which country she moved as a small girl with her parents to Niagara county, New York, where she grew to womanhood and married Mr. Morris. The parents of the latter lived and died in that county.

When Charles S. Morris was about fourteen years old, about 1880, his parents moved with their family to Shiawassee county, Michigan, the father buying a farm of eighty acres in Burns township, where they lived about six years; then located in North Newberg, later moving to Pittsburgh, where the father was in the government service, then returned to Shiawassee county and settled in Morrice, where the parents of the subject of this sketch still reside. Three children were born to them, namely: Charles S., the subject of this sketch; William, who died when about fifteen years of age, and Lewis E., who died when twenty-five years of age. W. O. Morris has always been active in political life, a staunch Republican, and has filled the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. He is a member of the Methodist church, of which he is a trustee and in which he is an active worker. Many years ago he joined the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Charles S. Morris received his schooling in the district schools and the Morrice high school, and remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age. From early youth he has followed mercantile pursuits, starting out as a clerk and later entering business for himself. He was in Detroit for

some time, then moved to Gaines, this county, in the fall of 1898, first conducting a barber and confectionery business, which he continued until in February, 1915. He began his present mercantile business and also established himself as a funeral director, April 1, 1916. Mr. Morris was registered in 1910 as a licensed embalmer and by the state board of health in 1911.

Charles S. Morris married Ella E. Steele, a daughter of Richard Steele, of Shiawassee county, and to this union two children have been born, Wayne E. and Gwendolyn, the latter of whom died when five years of age. Mr. Morris is a Republican and has served as clerk of the village of Gaines for seven consecutive terms; also served on the village council for a number of years. He is also justice of the peace and a notary public and has discharged his duties as a public servant in an able and satisfactory manner. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and of the Cleaners.

FRANK HOLSER.

Frank Holser, one of the prominent and successful farmers of Flushing township, was born at Waterford, Oakland county, Michigan, on July 12, 1865, the son of John and Mary (Forster) Holser, natives of Germany, the former born on March 28, 1814, and the latter, October 19, 1819. They were married in 1843, and to this union the following children were born in the Fatherland: Louise, born on July 21, 1844, who died on the voyage to the United States, October 6, 1848; Caroline, on February 21, 1846, wife of J. S. Jones of Clayton township, this county, and Mary, October 4, 1848, who died in 1899. She was the wife of Albert Chapman, now deceased. The following children were born in the United States: John, Jr., born on September 16, 1851, now deceased; Louis John, July 30, 1853, now living at Pontiac; Louise, January 2, 1855, wife of David F. Ranney of Boston; Henry Phillip, October 5, 1857, now deceased; Anna Mary, January 10, 1860, who died on December 2, 1885; Charles John, March 25, 1862, now living in Colorado, and Frank. The father died on July 6, 1886, while the mother lived to be eighty years of age and died on March 4, 1899.

John Holser and family landed in New York city in October, 1849. The family remained there for some years and then moved to Rochester, New York, in the vicinity of which city Mr. Holser worked on a farm for four years. In 1857 he came to Michigan and located at Pontiac, where

he was engaged by a produce merchant, for five years; after which he purchased ten acres of land, in Waterford township, seven miles from Pontiac, where he engaged in truck farming. He later sold that tract and purchased forty acres, to which he later added fifty-six acres, and there was engaged in general farming and stock raising until the time of his death.

Frank Holser, after completing his schooling in the common schools of the township, returned to the farm, where he assisted his father. Upon the death of the latter he purchased the home farm of the heirs and continued to make his home there, his mother living with him.

On February 25, 1892, Frank Holser was united in marriage to Emeline Paine, who was born in the village of Flushing on July 21, 1871, daughter of William and Ruey Ann (Richardson) Paine, and who completed her schooling in the Flushing high school.

William Paine was born in the state of New York, in 1838, and was but an infant, about one year of age, when his parents came to this county, settling on a farm in Flushing township. As a young man he engaged in farming, at which he continued until his death on April 30, 1909. He was also interested in the oil fields of Pennsylvania. He was a staunch Republican and took much interest in local politics. Fraternally, he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Ruey Ann (Richardson) Paine was born on January 4, 1848, and is still living at her home in Flushing. She and William Paine were the parents of the following children: Mary, born on March 4, 1868, is the wife of Samuel Jones of Clayton township; Emeline, wife of Mr. Holser; Hattie, born on April 12, 1874, wife of George Judd, of Flushing township; Willard, October 16, 1875, now living at Grand Rapids; Alice; Nellie, the wife of Ray Budd, of Flushing township, and Frank, born on March 4, 1886, who died in infancy.

To Frank and Emeline (Paine) Holser have been born the following children: Erwin F., born on November 29, 1892, is a graduate of the Michigan Agricultural College and is now living in Detroit; Howard P., February 25, 1899, who was graduated from the Flushing high school in 1916; Mabel, November 13, 1905, and Nellie, March 26, 1909.

After purchasing the old homestead of ninety-six acres, Mr. Holser added sixty-four acres to the tract and made that place his home until 1904, when he sold the place and purchased his present home in section 34, known as "Spring Brook Farm," and one of the best farms in the township. There he has built a modern house, with steam heat, water and electric lights. In 1906 he built a barn, thirty-four by sixty-two feet, all modern, with cement floors and electric lighted. In 1915 he purchased twenty acres across

the road from his home. On the home place he has built some small barns, hog sheds and chicken houses, all of which are modern and equipped with electric lights. Mr. Holser is engaged in general farming and in the raising of pure-bred stock. He has a fine herd of Durham dairy cattle with which he has been most successful. In connection with his other work, he is much interested in his White Leghorn chickens, settings of eggs from his flock being in wide demand.

Mr. Holser is a Democrat and while living in Oakland township served as treasurer, highway commissioner and as a member of the school board. He also served on the board in Flushing township. He is a member of the Gleaners and takes much interest in the workings of that order. His influence in the community is always for the good, and he takes much interest in all that tends to the advancement of the best interests of the county.

IRA T. SAYRE.

Ira T. Sayre, of Flushing, was born in Hector township, Schuyler county, New York, on March 6, 1858, the son of Augustus and Sarah (Terry) Sayre. Augustus Sayre was born at Scott's Corners, township of Ovid, Seneca county, New York, November 23, 1827. He followed farming all his life, and in May, 1850, came to Michigan, and took up land in section 23, Flushing township, this county, where he lived for four years, at the end of which time he returned to New York state and lived there until 1864, when he returned to Flushing, and again took up his residence on the land which he had purchased in 1850. He made his home on that farm until 1890, in which year he built a home in the village of Flushing, where he lived until his death on February 12, 1909. He took an active part in the early development of this community, was prominent in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal church, and served as school trustee in Flushing.

In October, 1856, Augustus Sayre was married to Sarah Terry, who was born on September 23, 1836, in Hector township, Schuyler county, New York, where she lived until her marriage. She is still living in Flushing. To Augustus Sayre and wife three children were born, Ira T., Franklin P. and Julia M., the latter of whom, the wife of A. E. Ball, died at her home in Redlands, California, November 4, 1904. Augustus Sayre was the son of David Halsey and Sidney (Aston) Sayre, the latter born in Newtown Hamilton, county of Armagh, Ireland, in 1800. David H. Sayre was born

at Southampton, Long Island, New York, December 31, 1798, in a house built in 1649 by Thomas Sayre, who was the original Sayre coming from Europe to America, he having settled there in 1639. The house in which he lived was torn down in 1915, at the time being recognized as the oldest house built of wood in the United States. David H. Sayre lived in his Long Island home until 1816, when he moved to Lodi township, Seneca county, New York, where he lived until October 12, 1878, on which date his death occurred at an advanced age. He was a son of Caleb Sayre, born September 14, 1764, in the old Sayre homestead on Long Island. Caleb Sayre moved to New York about 1820, with his son, David, where he lived until his death, in 1847, at the age of eighty-three. Elizabeth Halsey, wife of Caleb Sayre, was born in Rensselaerville, Albany county, New York, September 16, 1771, and died on April 9, 1853. Caleb Sayre was a son of Joshua Sayre, who died on June 12, 1806, and Abigail (Cooper) Sayre, who died in 1812. Joshua Sayre was a son of Ichabod Sayre, Jr., who was born at Southampton, Long Island; he was a son of Ichabod Sayre, Sr., who was born in 1666, and died in 1745, and Mary (Hubbard) Sayre, born on November 17, 1674. Ichabod Sayre, Sr., was a son of Francis and Sarah (Wheeler) Sayre, natives of Bedfordshire, England. Francis Sayre was a son of Thomas Sayre, born in Leighton Buzzard, in July, 1597, and who came to America with his father, Thomas. Thomas Sayre came to America in 1634, and settled in Lynn, Massachusetts, and was the founder of the well-known Sayre family in the United States. Thomas Sayre was a son of Francis and Elizabeth Sayre; Francis was a son of William and Alice (Squyre) Sayre, the former of whom died in 1564. The first known ancestor of William Sayre was also named William, and he was born in 1310.

Ira T. Sayre received his early education in the district schools of Hector township, Schuyler county, in the state of New York, afterwards attending the Flushing graded schools and the high school, from which he was graduated. He attended the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing, then took a course in law and medicine at the State University at Ann Arbor. He was admitted to the bar by the supreme court at Lansing, June 16, 1881, and returned to Flushing to begin the practice of his profession. He continued in the practice until 1898, when he turned his attention principally to fruit farming. He owns rental property in Flushing and in Flint, and devotes most of his time and attention to the real-estate and insurance business.

On August 5, 1884, Ira T. Sayre was married to Julia E. Niles, who was born in Flushing, December 25, 1866, and has always made that place her home. To this union three children have been born Helen L., born

on May 13, 1891, who was graduated in 1915 from Wellesley College, in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and Sidney Estelle and Frank Niles (twins), born on March 28, 1897, the former of whom is a student in Wellesley College, and the latter a midshipman in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Sayre served as village and township clerk for seven years, was president of the village and also served as justice of the peace. He was a member of the board of trustees of the State Industrial School for Boys from 1893 to 1899; was state senator from 1899 to 1901, and state tax commissioner, 1901 to 1907. Politically, Mr. Sayre was a Republican until 1912, when he was a delegate to the Chicago convention which nominated Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Sayre has membership in about a dozen secret orders, including the Masonic fraternity, in which he is a Knight Templar and a thirty-third degree Mason.

WILBERT H. KEDDY.

Among the Canadians, and there are many, who have cast their lots with the people of the Wolverine state is Wilbert H. Keddy, successful farmer and stock raiser of Fenton township, Genesee county. He was born in Huron county, Ontario, February 19, 1868, and is a son of Ralph and Susanna (Down) Keddy. Robert Down, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Devonshire, England, from which country he came to Canada in 1840 and spent the rest of his life in Ontario. Robert Keddy, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Yorkshire, England, and married Elizabeth Slater. They immigrated to Canada in 1846, located on a farm in Ontario, where they spent the rest of their lives. Ralph Keddy was born at Port Hope, Canada, July 6, 1834, and his wife was born in England. They reside on a farm at Exeter, Ontario. Their family consists of the following children: Wilbert H., of this sketch; Charles, who lives at home; Nelson, who lives in Alberta, Canada; Norman, who is engaged in the real estate business in Detroit; Herbert, who lives in Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada; Hannah, who lives at home; Nettie, the youngest, who also is with her parents. The father is a Liberal in politics and he and his wife are Methodists and active in church work.

Wilbert H. Keddy grew up on the home farm in the province of Ontario and received a public school education. He came to Detroit, Mich-

igan, in 1899, where he found employment in a wood-working establishment. Then he was connected with the Keddy Grille Company there for ten years; then exchanged Detroit real estate for a farm, sold out and moved to Genesee county and has since operated his farm of one hundred and thirty-six acres in section 26, just north of Fenton. He has made many improvements, rebuilt the barn, erected two large concrete silos and put up new fencing. He is a breeder of pure-bred Guernsey cattle, and in connection with general farming maintains a dairy. He has installed a milking machine and all modern, sanitary equipment. He is president of the Linden Co-operative Creamery Company, of which he was one of the organizers. He has been president from the start and the pronounced success of the undertaking has been due largely to his excellent management. He takes an active interest in all movements having for their object better farming and the raising of better grades of live stock and has done much to encourage both in this locality. He was president of the Farmers Institute from 1913 to 1915, inclusive, and has been one of the most influential members of the same for years. He is also an active member of the Methodist church at Fenton. He belongs to the Gleaners and the Grange. At present, and for two years past, Mr. Keddy has been secretary of the Genesee County Pomona Grange No. 48. Politically, he is a Republican.

Mr. Keddy was married on September 11, 1895, to Nellie Hicks, who was born in Elgin county, Ontario, August 27, 1874. This union has resulted in the birth of two children, Herbert, born August 17, 1896, and Beulah, born June 13, 1906.

FRANK DOLAN.

Frank Dolan, a retired farmer of Mt. Morris township, was born on March 25, 1830, in County Tyrone, Ireland. He came to the United States with his parents, who settled on a farm in Pennsylvania and remained there for some years. The father believing that Michigan was a better state in which to obtain a home, prepared to move his family further west. In 1856 they left their home in Pennsylvania and located in Mt. Morris township, this county. There the parents spent the rest of their lives. They were sturdy pioneers and endured the hardships and privations common to the early settlers in a new country.

On the death of his parents, Frank Dolan became the possessor of the farm and there he lived many years, during which time he greatly improved and developed the place. He later moved two miles east of the old home, and there he lived for two years. He then purchased sixty acres in section 14, where he now lives. Owing to his advanced age, he has for some years been living a retired life.

Frank Dolan was married to Bridget Murphy, a native of Ireland, and to this union two sons were born, Nicholas and Barney, both now residents of Mt. Morris township. Their mother died years ago. Some years after the death of his first wife, Frank Dolan married Kate McCawley, who died on January 10, 1914.

Frank Dolan is a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church at Mt. Morris and is a devout and consistent Christian. During his eventful and busy life he has always been faithful to his vows as a member of the church, which now mean so much to him in his old age. Mr. Dolan is a Republican and has always taken an active interest in local politics. It has never been his desire to hold office, yet he feels it the duty of all good citizens to take an interest in the selection of public officers.

EDWARD C. MOORE.

The business of the farm and the business of farming, while in many points analogous, are in reality quite distinctive. The former carries with it the consideration of expenditure in the employment of labor, in buildings, improvements, and cost of raising crops as against the revenue received after harvesting and sale. Edward C. Moore of Burton township, this county, seems to look carefully to both phases and is therefore successful. He was born on March 2, 1868, in Richfield township this county, a son of Edward B. and Mary J. (French) Moore, the former of whom was born on September 11, 1822, at Batavia, Genesee county, New York, and there attended school and grew to manhood. When twenty-six years of age, in 1848, he and his brother, John W. Moore, who had both learned the carpenter's trade, left the home farm on which they had been reared and came to Michigan, locating in Richfield township, this county, where they followed their trade for a year or two, then entered forty acres of land from the government in Richfield township, on which they lived until 1873, when they located in the village of Davison, later moving to the village of Flint. In the spring

of 1876 they purchased seventy-seven acres in that locality where they continued to reside until the death of Edward B. Moore, October 21, 1907. His wife was born in Middlebury township, Genesee county, New York, March 22, 1834. When seven years old, in 1841, she came with her parents to Genesee county and in Richfield township grew up, attended school and lived on the home farm until her marriage to Mr. Moore. To their union three children were born, namely: Carrie E., who died when six years of age; Edward C., the subject of this review, and Jennie, who married Timothy Russell, and died at her home in Mt. Morris township, this county, February 28, 1905.

Edward C. Moore grew to manhood on the home farm and received a common-school education, supplementing the same by a course in the Normal at Flint. He has remained a farmer and now owns a productive place of seventy-seven acres in section 10 of Burton township, four miles from Flint.

On July 19, 1911, Edward C. Moore was married to Mary Williams, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Patterson) Williams. She was born in Perry county, Ohio, from which her parents moved to this county, living for some time in Flint. They now reside in Bay City. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore one son has been born, Edward Thomas Moore, whose birth occurred on September 22, 1912.

Politically, Mr. Moore is a Democrat but he has never been very active in public affairs.

EDWARD DORR PARSONS.

Edward Dorr Parsons, one of the well-known and prominent retired farmers of Grand Blanc, was born on March 1, 1846, in the south part of Grand Blanc township, this county, the son of Edward and Sarah (Baldwin) Parsons.

Edward Parsons was born at Marcellus, Onondaga county, New York, August 29, 1810, and was educated at Williams College, Massachusetts. It was at Marcellus that he lived until he was twenty-five years of age, at which time, in 1837 he left the state of his birth and young manhood and came to Michigan, where he entered two hundred and twenty acres of land in Grand Blanc township, this county. The land at that time was undeveloped and unimproved, but in time, Mr. Parsons succeeded in making the tract one of the best in the township, and there it was that he made his permanent

home. Sarah Baldwin, to whom Mr. Parsons was later married, was born at Brattleboro, Vermont, and later moved to Baldwinsville, New York, and then in 1837, came with her parents to Michigan, the family settling in that county. She was the daughter of Dr. Cyrus Baldwin and wife, who located two miles southeast of Grand Blanc, on the Saginaw road, or turnpike. They remained there but a short time, after which they moved to Kepps Corners, southeast of Goodrich, where the Doctor spent the rest of his life. He was the first physician in that part of the county, and was well and favorably known throughout a wide territory. His wife was a Dorr. During his life in the state of New York, Edward Parsons, Sr., was a merchant at Bath, where he was both successful and prominent. After coming to Genesee county, he devoted his life to farming and became prominent in the social and civic life of the community. He was always interested in the schools and took much interest in their development. He had a full realization of the importance of good schools to the youth of the township, and knew that the future of the district depended much upon the training the child received in the public schools of the township. For many years he was school inspector of his township, and under his administration the schools made rapid advancement. Mr. Parsons and wife were members of the Congregational church, and from the very beginning of the local society, were interested in its success and growth. Mrs. Parsons died in 1883 and thereafter Mr. Parsons made his home with his son, Edward Dorr Parsons, until his death in 1889.

Edward Parsons and wife were the parents of four children, James and Jacob (twins), Almira and Edward D. When the latter was eleven years of age the children were sent to their grandfather, in the state of New York, where they could receive better school advantages. Edward D. Parsons later returned to the home of his father and there he grew to manhood. In 1875 he was married to Abigail M. Parker, who was born in the neighboring county of Oakland, daughter of Jonathan and Abigail Parker, further mention of whom is made on another page in this volume. Soon after his marriage, Edward D. Parsons established his home on a farm in section 27, two miles south of Grand Blanc, where he lived until within recent years. The farm at that time was all wood and there were no improvements, not even a house. It was there that he cleared a patch and erected a small house, in which he and his wife lived for some years. He later succeeded in clearing and developing the farm, until today he has one of the very best farms in the county. He has erected good and substantial buildings, all of which are in excellent state of repairs. His house is modern, with hard-wood

floors and acetyline-gas lights, with every convenience. There are one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land in his farm all of which is under high cultivation. For the past ten years his younger son, Ivan E. Parsons has been managing the place, though Edward D. Parsons and wife continued to live on the farm until 1915, at which time they moved to Grand Blanc, where they now reside.

Edward D. Parsons and wife are the parents of two sons, Cassen Eugene and Ivan Earl. The Rev. Cassen Eugene Parsons was born in 1877, and after completing the course in the grade schools was graduated from the Flint high school. During 1896 he attended college, leaving at the beginning of his junior year for a course in the Chicago Bible Institute. After spending two years as general missionary of the American Sunday School Union, for Central Michigan, with headquarters at Clare, he took a course in Livingston College, an institution founded as a memorial to David Livingston, at Leyton, London, England, and sailed for China, as general missionary of the China Inland Mission, in 1903. During six years in China Mr. Parsons helped lay the foundation for the reclamation system of China, for which service he was recognized, together with thirty others, by the late Emperor Kuang Hsu. The Manchu viceroy of Liang Kiang, Tuan Fang, also gave special recognition to the work accomplished, which, through the distribution of vast sums of international relief, saved the lives of a million famine-stricken persons in the alluvial plains of eastern China and set in motion the reclamation and reforestation movement of the Republic of China. Passing through the threatened second Boxer crisis of 1909, during which the combined efforts of the Chinese officials and the foreigners, including Mr. Parsons, at Anking, averted disastrous war, Mr. Parsons traveled in India, Egypt, Palestine and Europe. Upon his return to this country and after taking his degree, including the degree of Bachelor of Divinity and the degree of Master of Arts at Yale University, Mr. Parsons engaged in peace work in Michigan and is now thus engaged, with headquarters at Detroit.

Ivan Earl Parsons was born in 1883 and after completing the course in the local schools, entered Michigan Agricultural College, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1906, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. In that same month he married Bessie Kirby, who was born and reared at Almont, this state, a daughter of George and Anna Kirby. Since his marriage, Ivan E. Parsons has farmed the home place south of Grand Blanc and has been successful in his general farming and dairying operations. He has a fine herd of Jersey cattle, some of which are registered. He has done much in the way of improving the place, and in 1915 rebuilt the barn

and today has one of the finest barns in the county. He is a progressive farmer, a firm believer in the modern methods of conducting a farm. In 1915 Mr. Parsons was secretary of the Michigan Farmers Experiment Association, located at the Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing, and is the present president of that association. He also is secretary of the Farmers Exchange Bank of Grand Blanc, which has a capitalization of two hundred thousand dollars, and is in other ways actively identified with the developing interests of that part of the county.

To Ivan Earl and Bessie (Kirby) Parsons three children have been born, George Edward, Anna Louise and June Mary. The family are prominent in the social and religious life of the community and take much interest in church work. Edward D. Parsons and wife as well as Ivan Earl Parsons and wife are members of the Congregational church, being among the prominent and influential members of the same. No fewer than twelve generations of the Parsons family in America are to be found in the congressional library, at Washington. Edward Parsons was descended from one of the earliest arrivals of the family in this country, Cornet Joseph Parsons, a founder of Northampton, Massachusetts, who arrived in 1630 from England. Cornet Joseph Parsons was descended from Sir John Parsons, of Hereford, England, the coat of arms of this branch of the family indicating distinguished ecclesiastical and military service. The earliest established ancestor is John Parsons, of Cuddington, England, 1284. The family in America has been closely identified with the political, educational, and religious development of the country, in the East and central West, occupying many positions of prominence throughout its history.

REV. JOHN BRADFORD PENGELLY, A. M., D. B.

The Rev. John Bradford Pengelly, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church at Flint, is a native of the Dominion of Canada, born at Brantford, in the province of Ontario, May 12, 1881, son and eldest of the five children born to the Rev. John Henly and Elizabeth Ann (Bradford) Pengelly, natives of England, who are now living at Woodstock, Canada.

The Rev. J. H. Pengelly was born in Cornwall, son of the Rev. Thomas Pengelly and wife also natives of Cornwall, the former of whom, a clergyman of the Wesleyan faith, died there when about sixty-four years of age. His widow, who still survives at the advanced age of ninety years, is now

living in Liskeard, Cornwall. They were the parents of five children, John Henry, James, Thomas, Joseph and Emma. The Rev. John H. Pengelly married Elizabeth Ann Bradford, who also was born in Cornwall, daughter of the Rev. John and Harriet (Eastcott) Bradford, natives of Henwood, in Cornwall, and who were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Pengelly was the first-born, the others being as follow: Jane, who died in youth; John; James, who died in childhood; James, the second; Alvena, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-two years, and Theodore, who died young. Immediately after their marriage, in 1879, Rev. John H. Pengelly and his wife came across the Atlantic and locàted in Canada. For years Mr. Pengelly continued in his profession as a minister of the Baptist church, but for some years past has been connected with the Karn-Morris piano corporation of Woodstock and Listowell, Canada.

Upon completing the course in the public schools at Leamington, Canada, J. Bradford Pengelly worked at a trade for four years, after which he entered Woodstock College, from which he was graduated in 1902. He not only was the valedictorian of his class, but was awarded the Hiram Calvin scholarship for general proficiency in his studies. In 1906 he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, from McMaster University, Toronto, in which institution he also received conspicuous honors, having been president of the Literary Society and of the Inter-College Debating Union, as well as honor pupil in his class in philosophy, history and English literature, while he was equally well known in the athletic life of the college, having been captain of the Rugby team. Following his graduation, Mr. Pengelly spent a short time in a rural parish in Canada and then, in 1907, entered Harvard University, where he spent two terms in post-graduate work. In 1908 he entered the University of Chicago and following three years of post-graduate work there received his degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity. He then was placed in charge of St. Edmund's mission, Chicago, being ordained on June 19, 1911, and was thus engaged until he accepted the call of St. Paul's parish at Flint in the fall of 1913. During the time he was in charge at St. Edmund's, Mr. Pengelly increased the membership of that mission from forty-two to three hundred and thirty-six.

It was on September 1, 1913, that the Rev. J. Bradford Pengelly was called as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church at Flint. In that same month he married and established his residence in the rectory at 412 East Kearsley street, where he ever since has been located. St. Paul's is the largest parish in the diocese of Michigan, with a membership of about four-hundred and the church, situated in South Saginaw street, is generally

regarded to be one of the most beautiful church edifices in the country. Mr. Pengelly is not a partisan in his political views. Fraternally, he is a Mason, a member of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons, and Friendship Lodge No. 174, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

It was on September 17, 1913, at Woodstock, Canada, that the Rev. J. Bradford Pengelly was united in marriage to Edith Maude Campbell, who was born in Oxford county, Ontario, January 2, 1879, daughter of Capt. Robert and Elizabeth Allen (Craig) Campbell, natives of Scotland, both of whom died at Woodstock, and who were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Pengelly was the last-born, the others being Margaret Anna, Jessie Agnes, Robert Colin, James Craig and Helena. Capt. Robert Campbell was a son of Robert and Margaret (Orr) Campbell, who were the parents of four children, the Captain having had a brother, William, and two others who died in infancy. His wife was a daughter of James and Margaret (Walker) Craig, who were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Campbell having been Isabel, Margaret, William and John, the latter of whom died in infancy. To the Reverend and Mrs. John Bradford Pengelly one child has been born, a son, John Bradford Pengelly, Jr., August 15, 1914.

GEORGE W. HILL.

George W. Hill, a prominent and successful farmer of Burton township, and the owner of "Red Clover Farm," of two hundred and eight acres, is a native of Genesee county, the son of John and Betsy (Ballinger) Hill, and was born on July 29, 1865.

John Hill was born in the state of Vermont and Mrs. Hill in the state of New York. Mr. Hill came to Genesee county at the age of eighteen and worked as farm hand for a number of years. He later purchased a farm of his own, which he cleared and improved. He is still living, at the age of eighty-eight; his wife died in 1869. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are living: Bert, a farmer in Davison township; Lavonia, the wife of William F. Baldwin, a Methodist Episcopal minister, of Saginaw county, and George W.

George W. Hill was reared on the farm of his father and at the age of seventeen went to work for himself. On October 7, 1888, he was united in marriage to Fannie L. Day, a native of Genesee county. She is the



George W. Hill



Hannie L. Hill

daughter of Byron and Abigail (Alexander) Hill and was born on March 14, 1860. She married Clark C. Day, who is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of six children: Oliver G., born March 28, 1890; Ernest L., November 1, 1894; Nellie F., September 23, 1896; Norman J., March 4, 1900; Clarence S., January 15, 1902; and Lena Grace, February 6, 1904. She has one son by her first marriage, Melzor C. Day, of Flint, born on August 2, 1882; he married Alice Rheinhart and their children are Irene and Dorthy A., at home, and Douglas, deceased.

Mr. Hill is a Republican in politics, has served as moderator of the school district for twenty-six years and is at present a justice of the peace. He is a man of much influence and highly respected in the community in which he lives.

ALBERT M. DELAND.

Albert M. DeLand, a well-to-do farmer of Genesee county, was born in Flushing township, on the old DeLand homestead, on October 8, 1848, the son of Joseph M. and Mary Ann (Hinkley) DeLand.

Joseph M. DeLand was born in Candor, Tioga county, New York, March 3, 1823. There he received his education and grew to manhood. On March 14, 1844, he married Mary Ann Hinkley, who was born in Tompkins county, New York, January 30, 1827. In 1847 the family came to Michigan and for a short time remained in Ann Arbor. They then came to Genesee county and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Flushing township and it was there that Mr. and Mrs. DeLand spent the rest of their lives, the latter dying on July 25, 1897, and the former on March 14, 1914. Mr. DeLand was a quiet and unassuming man, but public spirited and did much for the development of the community in which he lived.

Joseph M. DeLand was the son of Rev. Charles and Susan (Wilmont) DeLand, natives of the state of New York and Massachusetts, respectively, the former having been born on December 13, 1797, at Hartford, Washington county, and the latter at West Stockbridge, May 11, 1796. Before coming to Michigan they lived in Hector, New York. In 1847 they settled in Genesee county and for many years the Rev. Charles DeLand was pastor of the Flushing Baptist church and of the church at Mt. Morris. For thirteen years before coming to Michigan, Mr. DeLand was active in pastoral work in his native state. To the Rev. Charles and Susan DeLand were born six children, Virgil, Milton, Alexander J., Joseph M., Charles F. and Mary C.,

the latter of whom, now the widow of Nelson Talbot, is the only one now living. She has one son, Charles N. Talbot, who is the proprietor of a shoe store at Flushing. The Rev. Charles DeLand died in 1863 and his widow in 1869.

Mary Ann (Hinkley) DeLand, the mother of Albert M. DeLand, was the daughter of Jeremiah and Phoebe Ann (Bond) Hinkley, natives of the state of New York. To her union with Joseph M. DeLand were born the following children: Elma, born on January 25, 1846, who died on January 3, 1850; John L., June 23, 1847, who died on January 8, 1850; Albert M., the subject of this sketch, and Arthur, born on February 3, 1856, who died on July 8, 1863.

Albert M. DeLand was educated in the schools of Flushing township and the high school at Flushing. After completing his schooling he returned to the home farm, where he remained until he was twenty-seven years of age. In 1875 he went to Flint, where he was employed by F. W. Judd & Company in their general store for two years. He was then with H. W. Sage & Company, wholesale house, at Bay City, until 1880. He then returned to the farm and on November 17 of that year was married to Helen E. Knight, who was born in Trenton, Michigan, on December 3, 1850, daughter of James and Rhoda (Lathrop) Knight, natives of England and of the state of New York, respectively. Mr. Knight was born in London on July 16, 1818, and Mrs. Knight at Hector on April 15, 1829. James Knight, when eleven years of age, came with his mother from England, settling in the state of New York. He remained there until he was twenty years of age, when he came to Michigan and settled at Trenton. In early life he was a sailor, but after his marriage he engaged in farming, which he followed until his death on September 3, 1896. Rhoda (Lathrop) Knight, when but a young girl settled with her parents at Trenton, where she lived until her marriage to James Knight. To this union were born eleven children, Helen, Emma, Jennie, Arthur, Augusta, Bessie, May, Alice, Florence, George and Harry. Jennie Knight married Edwin Hearsey; Augusta is the wife of Parley Green; Bessie, the wife of John Whiting; Mary, the wife of Fred H. Rindge and Florence, the wife of Henry Lyons.

Helen E. Knight was educated in the Trenton graded school and at the Wyandotte high school. After finishing her schooling she taught for eleven years in the schools of Wyandotte and West Bay City. She discontinued her work as a teacher to become the wife of Albert M. DeLand and to this union three children have been born, Elma, Earl K. and Ralph J. Elma, born on September 29, 1883, is the wife of Felix Garter, of Columbus, Ohio.

They are the parents of two children, Harold, born on April 27, 1913, and Helen, July 23, 1915. Earl K. DeLand, born on May 2, 1887, is living at Marion, Ohio. Ralph J. DeLand, born on May 19, 1890, is living at home. He was graduated from the Flushing high school and after taking two years in the high school at Jackson, attended the University of Michigan, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1913. Upon his return from the university he took charge of the home farm, which he is now operating.

For some years after his marriage, Albert M. DeLand farmed his father's place of one hundred acres. He later bought one hundred acres in section 14, since which time he has continued to manage both tracts, engaged in general farming and cattle raising, being interested in Durham and Jersey cattle and good horses. Mr. DeLand is a Republican and has served his township as a school officer for many years. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for forty-five years and is a past noble grand of the local lodge of that order. He and his family are active members of the Baptist church, and take much interest in church work.

MARTIN DALY.

As a result of this long years of husbandry, Martin Daly of Burton township, this county, has about solved the question of scientific farming, as the people of this section of the Wolverine state know and understand it today, and it is a pleasure to look over his well-kept and productive fields. He was born in the same vicinity where he now lives, on the old homestead, February 15, 1866, a son of Robert and Ellen (Mannion) Daly. The father was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and there grew to manhood, a farm laborer. Coming to the United States he spent two years in the state of New York, where he met and married Ellen Mannion, who was born in County Galway, Ireland, from which county she had come to New York state as a girl with her parents. In 1856 Robert Daly and wife came to Michigan, locating in Burton township, this county, where he entered forty acres of timber land from the government. He cleared a small plot and erected a log house, after which he and his wife worked out for two years, working on the Bickford farm, in order to get means with which to develop their land. They then cleared and developed their own place, on which they continued to reside for thirty years. They added to their original holdings until they had a good farm of one hundred and ten acres, which they made

through their individual efforts, having started with nothing. Mr. Daly bought finally one hundred and twenty-four acres in Burton township and one hundred and fifty-seven acres across the road, owning in all about four hundred acres. He became one of the influential citizens of his township and was highly respected. His death occurred on January 24, 1906. His widow survives, making her home among her surviving children. To Robert Daly and wife seven children were born, namely: Lawrence, who died when about eleven years of age; James, who died in infancy; Thomas, who lives on the old homestead; Mary, the wife of William Quinn, of Burton township; Martin, the subject of this sketch; James, the second, who lives in Flint, and Elizabeth, the wife of James Carten, of Lansing.

Martin Daly received a common-school education and when a boy he worked hard on the home farm, remaining there until his marriage on June 16, 1908, to Sarah Cashin, who was born in Burton township, this county, in 1866, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Stafford) Cashin, both natives of Ireland, from which country they came to America, locating in Burton township, this county.

Mr. Daly is successfully carrying on general farming and stock raising on his farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres, which lies in section 2, Burton township, four and one-half miles east of Flint. He has kept the place in an excellent state of cultivation and has improved it in admirable fashion. Politically, Mr. Daly is a Democrat. He is a member of the Catholic church and of the Knights of Columbus in Flint.

THOMAS MUNDY.

One of Genesee county's pioneer farmers is Thomas Mundy, of Clayton township. He came here from a foreign strand and got good land when the price was low, and, being willing to work, has made a comfortable living. He was born in County Kent, nine miles from Maidstone, England, November 16, 1838, a son of William and Sarah (Bontcher) Mundy. The father was left an orphan when four years of age, and he lived thereafter with an elder sister until he was ten years old, then began working out by the week and it was not long until he was supporting himself. He married in England and in 1850, when his son Thomas was twelve years old, he brought his family to America, reaching this county on July 31st of that year, having hired a man to bring the family in by way of Flushing, there being no railroads in this part of the state at that time. The father had two dollars and

fifty cents in cash when he reached here. The country was yet a wilderness. He soon went to work on the state road west of Flushing, ditching at twenty dollars a month and board. He finally saved enough to make a payment on eighty acres of land, where Charles Mundy now lives. Only five acres of the place had been cleared. He lived only five years after coming here, passing away on April 16, 1855. One-third of his estate fell to his son Thomas, who later purchased the interest of the other heirs and became sole owner of the homestead of eighty acres. He kept his mother with him on the place during the rest of her life, her death occurring about 1880. He is now the only survivor of the family.

Thomas Mundy never had much chance to obtain an education. Like all sons of pioneers he had lots of hard work to do when a boy, but he became very well informed through wide home reading. In 1861 he married Mary Jane Darling, a native of Lockport, New York, and a daughter of Dr. Sylvester Darling, a practicing physician, who was of French and German descent. Twelve children were born to Thomas Mundy and his first wife. Following the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Mundy married Agnes Ann Brown, widow of John Brown. Her maiden name was Lee and she was a native of Canada and was reared there.

Mr. Mundy's farm now consists of forty acres. He is taking life easier than in his earlier career. Politically, he is a Democrat. He has served as drainage commissioner in his township for fourteen consecutive years and has also been school director. He has always been interested in whatever tended towards the development of Clayton township. He was instrumental in grading and draining the first school land in his district. He is a man of decided religious convictions, and has been an active and faithful member of the Wesleyan Methodist church since boyhood.

THOMAS PAGE.

Thomas Page, former city treasurer of Flint, now living retired at his pleasant home, 509 Smith street, Flint, is a native of New York, having been born in the village of East Avon, in Livingston county, that state, July 14, 1840, son of Abraham and Bridget (Carroll) Page, the former a native of England and the latter of Ireland, who later came to this county and spent their last days in Flint.

Abraham Page was born in Hertfordshire, son of James and Elizabeth Page, the former dying when past middle age and the latter living to more

than ninety years of age. James Page was a shoemaker and he and his wife were the parents of six children, John, Abraham, James, Thomas and two daughters. Abraham Page was trained to the trade of shoemaking and became a proficient workman in that line. He served for seven years in the British army and in 1836, shortly after their marriage, he and his wife came to the United States, locating at Lockport, New York, presently moving thence to Avon, same state, where they lived until 1854, when they came to Michigan and located at Flint. Upon his arrival at Flint, Abraham Page began working at his trade, boot and shoemaker, and later established a business of his own, which he managed for about six years, or until his death in 1867, at the age of fifty-six years. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1883, she then being seventy-two years of age. She was a daughter of James and Mary Carroll, natives of Ireland, both of whom died there, well along in years. James Carroll was a tailor and he and his wife were the parents of four children, Peter, Daniel, Bridget and Mary. Abraham Page and his wife were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, namely: Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of Thomas Daly, of Burton township, this county; Thomas, the subject of this sketch; James, of Chicago; John, deceased; Henry, deceased; Charles E., deceased, and one who died in infancy.

Thomas Page was fourteen years old when he came to this county with his parents from New York in 1854 and he has lived here ever since, with the exception of eighteen months spent at Bay City. Following in the footsteps of his father and his grandfather he early learned the trade of shoemaker and became a skilled craftsman in that line, a trade which he followed for twenty-one years, eleven years of which time he spent as instructor in the trade to the boys at the school for the deaf in Flint. Upon retiring from that position he clerked in Charles Mason's drug store for two years, at the end of which time he opened a grocery store, which he conducted for seventeen years. A year later he was elected city treasurer of Flint and served in that office for two years. Mr. Page had long given his earnest attention to local political affairs and had previously served as alderman from the first ward for four years, 1875-79, and as alderman from the fifth ward for five years, 1903-08, resigning the latter seat to take the office of city treasurer. He was elected supervisor in 1880 and in that capacity rendered further public service for thirteen years.

On April 25, 1877, Thomas Page was united in marriage to Susan A. Welch, who was born at Long Island City, New York, March 18, 1847,

daughter of Martin and Ellen (Connor) Welch, natives of County Kildare, Ireland, who came to the United States, settling in New York, where they lived until they came to Michigan in 1858. Martin Welch was a farmer in his young manhood, but later engaged in railroad work in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railroad and was thus engaged for years, with headquarters at Flint. He died on October 20, 1883, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife had preceded him to the grave but a little more than two months, her death having occurred on August 15, of that same year. They were members of the Catholic church and the parents of four children, Mrs. Page having three brothers, Nicholas, William and Matthew. Mrs. Page's paternal grandparents, John and Mary (Brannagan) Welch, farmers in Ireland, were the parents of four children, Nancy, John, Thomas and William. Her maternal grandparents were Thomas and Eliza (Cleary) Connor.

To Thomas and Susan A. (Welch) Page four children have been born, as follow: Mary E., who married Alex. Donald Gundry, of Grand Blanc, this county, and has six children, Margaret Ellen, George Thomas, Alexander Edward, Donald Page, Susan Mary and Elizabeth; Edward M., who is a clothing merchant at Flint; Thomas C., who died unmarried at the age of twenty-six years, and Ellen Margaret, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-three. Mr. and Mrs. Page are members of St. Michael's Catholic church and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, in the affairs of which he takes a warm interest.

HENRY COOK, M. D.

Dr. Henry Cook, a physician and surgeon at Flint, was born on February 28, 1886, in Shiawassee county, this state, son of Jonas E. and Anna R. (Schroeder) Cook, both natives of Michigan and the parents of four children, those beside the subject of this sketch being Jonas E., Jr., of near Owosso; William F., of Owosso, and one child who died in infancy.

Jonas Cook is a prominent farmer of Shiawassee county and resides on the farm near Owosso on which he was born. Mrs. Cook also is a native of that same county. They are active members of the Methodist Protestant church and take much interest in church work.

The paternal grandparents of Doctor Cook were Jonas Cook and wife, natives of the state of New York, the former of whom, a shoemaker and farmer in his native state, became one of the pioneers of Shiawassee county,

where he and his wife lived many years and died at advanced ages. They were the parents of four children, Christopher T., Volkert, Charles H. and Jonas E. The maternal grandparents, Henry and Marie (Reichle) Schroeder, natives of Germany, also were early pioneers of Shiawassee county. Mr. Schroeder is still living. Mrs. Schroeder has been dead about fifteen years. They were the parents of eight children, William, Henry, Catherine, Barbara, Amelia, Anna, Charlotte and Etta.

Henry Cook was reared on his father's farm, attended school in Middlebury township and later was graduated from the Owosso high school in 1903. He later entered the University of Michigan and in 1909 was graduated from the Detroit College of Medicine. He began the practice of his profession at Flint in June, 1909, and he has built a large and growing practice.

On November 3, 1909, Dr. Henry Cook was married to Mary Ackroyd, daughter of John and Orpha (Albright) Ackroyd, and to this union two children have been born, Harold and Lynn Henry. Mrs. Cook is a native of Michigan, having been born in the state in 1888. Her father is a native of England and her mother of Canada, but have made their home in Shiawassee county for many years. They are the parents of four children, Winifred, Merle, Eva and Mary.

Doctor and Mrs. Cook are active members of the Oak Park Methodist Episcopal church and take much interest in all branches of church work. The Doctor is a member of the County, State and American Medical Associations, and his every effort is to become more proficient in the noble calling in which he is engaged. His life is an active one, for besides attending to his professional duties he has been a member of the board of education since 1911 and is at present chairman of the public library board.

GEORGE WILBER TICE.

George Wilber Tice, head of the firm of Tice & Company, investment brokers and dealers in real estate and insurance, with offices in the Flint P. Smith building at Flint, is a native of Michigan, born on a homestead farm in Riley township, St. Clair county, January 14, 1865. He is a son of Philip and Myra (Lymburner) Tice, both natives of Canada, born in Castor precinct, twenty-five miles from Hamilton, Ontario, who came to Michigan after their marriage and purchased the James Forshee farm in Riley town-

Geo W. Tice



Angie J. Tice



ship, St. Clair county. There they reared their family and spent the rest of their lives, the former dying in 1913, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife had died many years before, at the age of fifty-eight, her death being due to injuries received in a fall from a tree. They were members of the Methodist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, namely: Gilman, deceased; Alpheus, David, Kirk; Jennie M., deceased, who was the wife of William Braidwood; George W., the subject of this biographical sketch; Minnie, widow of William Wolf, of Ortonville, this state; Rose, unmarried, living near Memphis, this state, and Robert, of the same place.

The Tices are of German descent and the name in the old country was spelled Theis. Philip Tice's father, John Theis, a native of Germany, married a Moot and emigrated to Canada, pre-empting a farm there, and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, rearing twelve children on their homestead place. For purposes of local convenience the foreign name was Anglicized to Tice and the descendants of John Theis have ever since followed that rendering of the family name. Grandfather Tice lived to be eighty-five years old and his wife was some older than that at the time of her death. The Lymburners are of Welsh descent, Grandfather Lymburner, father of Mrs. Philip Tice, having been born in Wales. He married a Swick and became a farmer and lumberman in Canada, where he died at an old age and where he and his wife reared a large family.

George W. Tice was reared on the paternal homestead where he was born, in St. Clair county, receiving his schooling in the district schools of that neighborhood, and remained at home until he was twenty-one years old. Then he went to Larimore, North Dakota, and for awhile was engaged in farming in that vicinity, after which he became engaged as a salesman for a company manufacturing farm machinery. He later became a stationary engineer and machinist and moved to Webb City, Missouri, where he was engaged as a stationary engineer and electrician until 1907, in which year he returned to Michigan and located at Flint, where he engaged in the insurance business and has ever since been located there. Several years ago he added to his insurance business that of general investment broker and dealer in real estate and is doing very well. Mr. Tice is a Republican and takes a warm interest in local political affairs.

On June 27, 1889, George W. Tice was united in marriage to Angie F. Bailey, who was born on a farm in Richmond township, Macomb county, this state. She is a daughter of James and Julia (Richards) Bailey, the

former a native of Canada and the latter of the state of New York, both now dead, who were the parents of four children, Mrs. Tice having a brother, Herbert Bailey, and two sisters, Alma and Hattie. James Bailey was the son of Richard Bailey and his wife was a daughter of Elisha Richards. To Mr. and Mrs. Tice three children have been born, Glenn, Wilna and Irma. Glenn Tice, who is a machinist at Flint, married Gertrude Shetron. Wilna Tice married L. J. Doepker, now living at Viceroy, Saskatchewan, Canada, and has two children, Dorothy Mary and Wilber Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Tice are members of the Baptist church and take an earnest interest in the general good works of this community.

A. C. SLOCUM.

The old pioneers are entitled to our gratitude and highest esteem, for they were the forerunners of our present magnificent civilization. They endured the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier in order that succeeding generations might find life easier and happier. One of this worthy band in Genesee county is A. C. Slocum, of Gaines township. He was born in Monroe county, New York, December 20, 1842, and is a son of Abraham and Mary (Davis) Slocum, both natives of the state of New York, where they grew up on farms and were married; after which they settled on a farm in Monroe county, but presently moved with their family to Michigan, locating at Flint, where they lived six months, during which time the death of the mother occurred. The father then moved with his children to a forty-acre farm in Burton township. The land was not improved, but he cleared away the timber and built a home, planting crops, and continued to reside there until the subject of this sketch was twenty-three years of age, when the family located in Gaines township, on a forty-acre place which the father had previously purchased, and on which Abraham Slocum spent the rest of his life, dying at the age of seventy-five years. His family consisted of three children, one of whom is deceased; A. C., the subject of this sketch, and Alice, widow of G. P. Power, now living in Jackson.

A. C. Slocum grew up on the home farm where he worked when a boy. He received a limited education in the pioneer district schools. When starting out in life for himself he settled on the farm where he still resides in Gaines township, which place consists of one hundred and thirty acres, which he has kept well improved and well tilled and where he has carried on general farming and stock raising successfully.

On June 6, 1868, A. C. Slocum was united in marriage to Loretta A. Jewell, a daughter of Rev. J. B. Jewell, an early settler in this locality and a pioneer Presbyterian preacher, for many years, a well-known and influential resident in this section of the state. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Slocum, A. D. Slocum, who married Eva Stafford and has three children, Gracie M., David Albert and Guy Harold. A. D. Slocum is a Democrat, but is liberal in his political views. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Gaines.

The Rev. J. B. Jewell, father of Mrs. Slocum, was born in Montgomery county, New York, July 28, 1814, and early learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for some time after taking up the calling of a minister of the gospel. He married Lucy Ann Lazell, of Steuben county, New York, and not long afterward came to Michigan, settling in Oakland county, but presently moved over into Genesee county. In 1849 he went to California, seeking betterment of his health by a change of climate, and remained there, engaged in preaching, for ten years, at the end of which time he returned to this county, but after a brief stay here returned to California, where he remained ten years longer. He then returned to his home in this county and started a mission field, with Gaines as a center, and was thus engaged as an active minister of the gospel, connected with the Presbyterian church, until his retirement about five years before his death. His wife died in October, 1894, and his death occurred in the December following. They were the parents of nine children, Mary A., Martin Van Buren, William S., John E., Miranda, Loretta E., Phoebe C., Maria C. and Josephine. Not a great while before his death, the Rev. J. B. Jewell wrote a reminiscence article for a local newspaper, from which the following excerpt is taken: "Something over forty years ago, I rode through where Durand now stands on my pony to the Garrison school house to preach. A log house was the sole building of the place and all the country was a wilderness and deer and bears were common. The Garrison school house stood one mile south of Vernon. From there I preached at Newburg, a little town on the west side of the Shiawassee river. From there into the town of Antrim; thence into Livingston and Genesee counties, and from there home. I lived at that time on the Baldwin road, two miles west of the county line, my circuit including a part of three counties. I soon learned that I could not clear up a farm and ride a circuit. I also got tired of the Methodist *modus operandi* and joined the Presbyterian presbytery at Detroit. That was over forty years ago. I then left my farm and laid out a mission field at Long Lake, Mundy, and a part of Gaines, and moved to Long Lake. I labored in that

field ten years and raised up a nice, living church, which still continues. I left it with forty members. My health failed me and one of the best doctors in the state gave me up to die—said I could not live another year. He advised me to go to California, which I did in 1849. His name was Doctor Wikom. You may not know him, but many of your readers do. I was absent from home, in all, twenty-one years, but talked with my family through the silent language of the pen, and sent them home considerable money. I came home with much improved health. I then laid out a mission field in the town of Gaines, where I now live. I labored nine years on this field and built a good church, which you may have seen when in our town. I have been retired from active labor for the past five years, been confined to my house all winter with the asthma, and have not been in Gaines since last fall."

BURTIS E. WOOLFITT.

Burtis E. Woolfitt, of the firm of Woolfitt, Macomber & Campbell, real estate and insurance, with offices in the Dryden building at Flint, is a native son of Genesee county, of good old pioneer stock, both his parents having been born in this county, and he has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Thetford township, February 21, 1872, son of Eber and Frances (Barkley) Woolfitt, both natives of this county, the former of whom is still living. Eber Woolfitt was born on a pioneer farm one mile south of Mt. Morris, this county, son of John and Jane M. (Allen) Woolfitt, who were among the earliest settlers of that part of Genesee county. John Woolfitt was born in Lincoln, England, May 24, 1804, but when a young man (in 1834) came across the water and settled in Michigan. Five years later he was married to Jane M. Allen of Flint, she being a native of the Dominion of Canada. They immediately started housekeeping on the homestead farm one mile south of Mt. Morris, which he located from the government when he first came into this county, and there he spent the rest of his life, being nearly eighty-seven years of age at the time of his death. His widow survived him some little time, she being nearly eighty-four years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of nine children, Mary, Elizabeth, Eber, Caroline, Charlotte, Matilda, Amos, William, and the development of the same, and has been a farmer nearly all his life. He married Frances Barkley, who was born in Thetford township, daughter of Crawford and Sarah (Haines) Barkley, natives of New York state, who

became early settlers in Genesee county. Upon coming to this county both Crawford Barkley and his wife entered claims to homestead tracts in Thetford township, homesteading adjoining "eighties." They built their cabin home on the line separating the two homesteads and thus held both claims in one residence. At that time the nearest milling point was Pontiac and Crawford Barkley was accustomed to carry a sack of corn on his shoulders to that point, returning with a sack of meal. Both Crawford Barkley and his wife spent the rest of their lives on their homestead farm, both living to ripe old ages. They were the parents of five children, Josiah, Robert, Charles, Frances and Antoinette, all of whom lived to maturity save the latter. After his marriage Eber Woolfitt cleared and improved an eighty-acre farm in Thetford township, on which he made his home until about 1890, when he moved to Clio, Michigan, and then to Bay City. In 1914 he moved to a farm one mile south of Mt. Morris, where he is still living. He is a Prohibitionist in his political views and has taken an active part in local politics, having served as supervisor, township trustee and justice of the peace in his home township. For a few years he made his residence in the village of Clio and while there served as a councilman and also as president of the village board. It was while residing at Clio that his wife died, in 1895. She was a member of the Congregational church. To Eber Woolfitt and wife two children were born, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Eva, who married John Chisholm, of Flint.

Burtis E. Woolfitt was reared on his father's farm, receiving his elementary education in the district school in that neighborhood, supplementing the same by a course in the high school at Clio, after which he took a course in a business college at Bay City. He then was employed as a bookkeeper in the bank of Charles H. May & Company at Clio and presently rose to the position of cashier of that bank. He remained with the May bank for seven years, at the end of which time he transferred his services to the Union Trust and Savings Bank at Flint and was connected with the abstract and insurance department of that institution for about two years, after which he entered the real-estate and insurance firm of Derby & Choate, at Flint, the firm becoming the Derby, Choate & Woolfitt Company, this connection continuing until 1903, when Mr. Woolfitt and Elmore J. Macomber purchased the business of the Derby, Choate & Woolfitt Company and up to July 1, 1916, continued the same under the firm name of Woolfitt & Macomber, long having been recognized as among the leading dealers in realty in this part of the state. This firm platted Sylvan Court, in the heart of the city of Flint; Riverside, Fairview, River addition to Fairview and Northern addi-

tion to Fairview, containing in all about one hundred and eighty acres and built many houses for home-seekers. On July 1, 1916, Osborn A. Campbell of Detroit, was taken into the firm, the name of which was then changed to Woolfitt, Macomber & Campbell. Mr. Woolfitt is a Republican, with strong leanings toward prohibition, and takes an earnest interest in local political affairs, but has never been included in the office-seeking class.

On June 6, 1894, Burtis E. Woolfitt was united in marriage to Gertrude M. Congleton, daughter of Harold F. and Emily J. (German) Congleton, and who died without issue one year and nine months after her marriage. On April 3, 1900, Mr. Woolfitt married, secondly, Martha Bannister, who was born at Utica, this state, August 22, 1878, daughter of E. Burke and Augusta M. (Merrill) Banister, both natives of this state. E. Burke Bannister, who died in 1892, at the age of forty-one years, was the state agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. His widow survived until October 1, 1915, and was sixty-three years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of three daughters, Claudia, Martha and Florence, who were reared in the faith of the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Woolfitt are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church at Flint and take an active interest in the various beneficences of the same, as well as in all local good works. For years Mr. Woolfitt has been a member of the board of trustees of the church and is now secretary of the same. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the Michigan Sovereign Consistory, Valley of Detroit, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; a member of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; Flint Council No. 56, Royal and Select Masters; Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, and both he and Mrs. Woolfitt also is a member of Genesee Lodge No. 24, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which lodge he was financial secretary for two years, and his wife are members of Genesee Lodge No. 355, Daughters of Rebekah.

FRANK P. HASKELL.

Frank P. Haskell, a well-known merchant at Flushing, and president of that village, was born in Holley, New York, February 5, 1857, a son of George W. and Sarah O. (Perry) Haskell, the former a native of Maine, whose parents moved to Holley, New York, when he was a small boy. George W. Haskell was married in Holley and lived there until 1866, when he came to Michigan, buying property on the line of Flushing and Mt. Morris town-

ship in this county, and made his home there until about 1878, when he sold and purchased a farm south of Flushing village, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1902, at the age of seventy-five years. Sarah O. Haskell was born in Kendall, Orleans county, New York, in 1838, and lived at the place of her birth until she was married. She was a daughter of John and Lucy (Webster) Perry, farming people and natives of New York, the latter a kinsman of Daniel Webster. To George W. Haskell and wife three children were born, Frank P., the subject of this sketch; Ella, born in 1859, who married S. C. Ottoway, a farmer living in Flushing, and Addie B., who married H. E. Brockway, of Flint. Mrs. Sarah O. Haskell died in 1909, aged seventy-one years.

Frank P. Haskell was educated partly in New York state, attending the primary schools there for about two years. At the age of nine years he came with his parents and the rest of the family to Michigan. He attended the graded school at Flushing, and the high school at Flint, afterwards graduating from the high school at Flushing. He then went into the employ of Niles & Vickery, general merchants, remaining with that firm for eight years as bookkeeper and chief clerk. He then for two years was with Albert Meyers, a clothing merchant in Flint, and then went to Saginaw and was with Bonham & Spaulding, as special sales manager, for a short time, afterward going with the S. R. Batson Tailoring Company, Detroit, as cutter and bookkeeper, and was thus engaged for six years, at the end of which time he went to Chicago and took a position as commercial traveler for Skinner Brothers, dealers in woolen goods. Mr. Haskell was on the road for about seven years, or until 1905, when he retired and returned to Flushing. For about three years thereafter he lived on the old homestead, engaged in farming. In 1908 he bought out H. H. Chatler's store, in Flushing, dealing in groceries, paints, wall paper, decorations, and the like, and conducted that business for seven years. In 1915 he disposed of his grocery business, retaining the other lines, and moved his store to the Odd Fellows block, north side of Main street, where he has since continued business.

In April, 1885, Frank P. Haskell was married to Phoebe A. Bowman, who was born in Flushing, November 13, 1859, a daughter of Franklin and Helen (Hinkley) Bowman, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Sarah Blanche, who married Thomas Cooper, of Flint, and has one child, a son, Thomas Haskell Cooper, born on April 12, 1916.

Frank P. Haskell is a Republican and has held several official positions in township and village. He was elected clerk of Flushing township in 1911 and served for two years. He then, in 1913, was elected village treasurer

and a year later, in 1914, was elected township treasurer for a one-year term, and was re-elected. In 1915 he was elected president of the village council, in which position he is now serving. Mr. Haskell is identified with several secret and fraternal orders. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, member of the blue lodge and the chapter at Flushing, past high priest of the latter, and of the commandery at Flint. He also is a member of the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star at Flint. For the past twenty years he has been commander of the local tent of the Maccabees and is likewise a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Grand Rapids.

GEORGE A. MITCHELL.

George A. Mitchell, well-known dealer in real estate at Flint, is a native of New York City, but has been a resident of this state since he was an infant in arms and therefore regards himself as much a son of Michigan as one "native and to the manner born." He was born on June 14, 1866, son of William and Hester A. (Rogers) Mitchell, both natives of New York state, who later came to Michigan and the latter of whom is still living.

William Mitchell's parents were natives of Connecticut and he had two sisters, both of whom died without issue. He was reared in New York and was trained to the cooper's trade, becoming proprietor of a cooper shop in New York City. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in one of the New York regiments and served for four years. In 1867 he came to Michigan with his family and purchased a farm of sixty acres near Owosso, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, which he improved, and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1905, he then being seventy-five years of age. His widow still survives him and resides in Owosso. She is a daughter of Moses and Betsy (Puggsley) Rogers, natives of New York state, who came to Michigan in 1867 and settled in the village of Burton, in Shiawassee county. Moses Rogers was a building contractor in New York and had done well in that line, so that after coming to this state he was in a position to live practically retired from the active labors of life. Both he and his wife lived to ripe old ages. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Mitchell was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Sumner, Charles, Elizabeth, Maria, George and Augusta. To William and Hester A. (Rogers) Mitchell five children were born who lived to maturity,



George A Mitchell

namely: Isabel, wife of George L. VanDyne, of Owosso; William, of Coldwater, this state; Maria (deceased), who was the wife of Samuel Dobbins; George A., the subject of this biographical review, and Frank H., of Marshall, this state.

George A. Mitchell was reared on the parental farm in Shiawassee county and received his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home. When twenty years of age he left the farm and learned the cigar-maker's trade, later becoming a manufacturer of cigars at Fenton, this county, where he remained in business about eight years, at the end of which time, in 1908, he moved to Flint, where he ever since has been successfully engaged in the real-estate business. Mr. Mitchell is a progressive Republican and takes an earnest interest in general political affairs, but has never been a seeker after public office. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On December 25, 1905, George A. Mitchell was united in marriage to Dora A. Simpson, who was born at Flushing, this county, daughter of Merritt and Nettie (Wilcox) Simpson, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of Vermont, she having come to this state with her parents in her girlhood. Merritt Simpson's parents were pioneers of this section of the state and his mother is still living, being now past ninety years of age. Merritt Simpson and his wife are now living at Flint. To them three children were born, Mrs. Mitchell having two brothers, Archie and Emmet. Mrs. Simpson's parents, John Wilcox and wife, both natives of the state of Vermont, are now dead, their last days having been spent in this county.

ELMORE J. MACOMBER.

Elmore J. Macomber, well-known real-estate dealer, member of the firm of Woolfitt, Macomber & Campbell, the Dryden building, Flint, is a native of New York, born in Philadelphia, Jefferson county, that state, December 29, 1870, son of Asa and Josephine (Mosher) Macomber, both natives of that state, to whom three children were born, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Irvin L. Macomber, of Flint, and a sister, Helen A., wife of W. O. Smith, of Oxford, this state.

Asa Macomber was reared in Jefferson county, New York, and became a general merchant in the town of Philadelphia, that county, where he also served as postmaster. In 1880 he came to Michigan with his family and

located at Holly, where he engaged in merchandising and where he died in 1885. His widow still survives and is making her home at Flint. She is a daughter of Joseph H. and Sarah A. (Green) Mosher, natives of New York, farming people there, who later came to Michigan and settled in the village of Gratton, near Grand Rapids, later moving to Holly, where they spent their last days, both living to good old ages. They were the parents of five children, Sylvester D., Josephine, Alvina, Ida E. and one who died in infancy.

Elmore J. Macomber was ten years old when he came to Michigan with his parents in 1880 and he grew to manhood at Holly. Upon completing the course in the public schools he began clerking in a general store at that place and was thus engaged for fifteen years or until 1900, in which year he moved to Flint. The next year, in 1901, he formed a partnership with Burtis E. Woolfitt, in the general real-estate and insurance business, and has ever since been thus engaged, the firm long having been recognized as one of the most enterprising and progressive dealers in that line in this part of the state. They are now promoting four additions to the city of Flint and have contributed largely to the recent upbuilding of the city. In the summer of 1916 the firm was augmented by the acquisition thereto of Osborn A. Campbell, of Detroit, the firm name since then being Woolfitt, Macomber & Campbell. Mr. Macomber is a Republican and for four years served as a member of the Flint board of alderman, representative from the third ward.

On March 29, 1909, Elmore J. Macomber was united in marriage to Minnie L. Oliff, who was born at Milford, this state, daughter of Thomas and Emily Oliff, natives of England, who are now living at Clio, this county. Thomas Oliff is a brick manufacturer at Clio and president of the Clio State Bank. To him and his wife five children have been born, namely; Lillian, deceased; Mabel, wife of Don Lawrence, of Ypsilanti, this state; Minnie L., who married Mr. Macomber; Edith, who married Charles Matson, cashier been born, daughters, Emily Joseph, Elmora Lillian and Ann Bryce. Mrs.

To Elmore J. and Minnie L. (Oliff) Macomber three children have been born. Macomber is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Macomber is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Bay City, and is a noble of Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Saginaw. His local connection with Masonry is through Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar. He also is a member of the Knights of the Loyal Guard, and in the affairs of all these organizations takes a warm interest.

JAMES P. COLE.

James P. Cole, chief of police of Flint, is a native son of that city and has lived there all his life, thus being thoroughly familiar with every detail of the city's later growth and development. He has been connected with the police department of Flint since 1900, was promoted from captain to chief in 1914 and is one of the best-known police officials in the state of Michigan. He was born on November 5, 1875, son of Thomas and Ellen (O'Brien) Cole, the former of whom was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and the latter in the city of Limerick, Ireland, both of whom spent their last days in Flint, where they had lived the greater part of their lives.

Thomas Cole was the son of Charles Cole and wife who came to this city from Ireland and for years lived in Boston, later going to Canada and settling on a farm near Windsor, where their last years were spent, Charles Cole being nearly one hundred years old at the time of his death. His wife also lived to a ripe old age. They were the parents of eight children, Thomas Cole was reared in the city of Boston and early became thoroughly familiar with the work of railroad construction. When about twenty years old he came to Michigan and was for some time engaged in railroad construction work at Detroit, later being sent to Saginaw in charge of the construction of that division of the Pere Marquette road, upon the completion of which task he located at Flint, where he spent the rest of his life. Not long after locating at Flint Thomas Cole married Ellen O'Brien, who had come to this country with her parents, David O'Brien and wife, natives of Ireland, who later became residents of Flint, where their last days were spent. David O'Brien and wife were the parents of seven children, James, Patrick, Michael, Bridget, Catherine, Mary and Ellen. Thomas Cole died in 1912, at the age of eighty-three years. His widow survived him three years and was sixty-three years of age at the time of her death on December 23, 1915. They were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Charles (deceased), Minnie C., Thomas B., Frances, who died in infancy, and Frances C., all the survivors being residents of Flint.

Upon completing his schooling in the parochial schools at Flint, James P. Cole began working for Thomas Doyle in the ice, coal and wood business and then for several years, or until his apportionment to the police force in 1909, was engaged as a clerk in a grocery store. Upon receiving his appointment to the police force he early demonstrated his fitness for that form of

service and gradually rose to the rank of captain and had served with that rank for five years, when, on August 1, 1914, he was elevated to the position of chief of the department, which position he now occupies. Chief Cole is generally regarded as being the right man for the responsible position he now occupies and he ranks high among the police chiefs of this state, his department having a fine reputation for general discipline and efficiency.

On September 11, 1907, James P. Cole was united in marriage to Mary Helen Dunn, who also was born at Flint, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Dwyer) Dunn, the former of whom, a native of Ireland, came to this country when a young man and located at Flint, where he married and where he reared his family, he and his wife having been the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Cole being Margaret, Catherine and two who died young. To Mr. and Mrs. Cole have been born two children, Mary Helen and Margaret Dacy. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are members of St. Michael's Catholic church and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

JACOB VEIT.

The qualities of keen discernment, accurate discrimination, sound judgment and executive ability enter very largely into the makeup of Jacob Veit, of the firm of Veit & Perry, wholesale saddlery, harness, leather and findings, of Flint. For many years he has been one of the prominent business men and esteemed citizens of Genesee county. Many admirable traits have been contributing elements to the material success which has come to him during his long and worthy business career.

Jacob Veit was born in Baden, Germany, in the village of Niederschopfheim, February 15, 1847, a son of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Steiger) Veit, natives of France and Germany, respectively, of the Alsace-Lorraine country. Sebastian Veit was a glass worker. He came to the United States about 1846, but returned to the old country, later coming back to America, being followed by his family in 1848, Jacob being the youngest of his children. He settled with his family at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, where he followed his trade and spent the rest of his life, dying about the year 1857. His widow survived until she was seventy-two years old. They were reared in the Catholic faith, from which they never departed. To these parents six children were born, namely: Josephine, who married Anthony Gosse and is now deceased; Amelia, who married Charles Bassett,

also deceased; Jacob, the subject of this sketch, and three who died in infancy. The father of Sebastian Veit was a physician who lived and died in France. His family consisted of three children, Margaret, Philip and Sebastian. The maternal grandparents were natives of Baden, Germany, where Grandfather Steiger kept a vineyard and made wine. He and his wife spent their lives there, reaching advanced years. Among their children were Michael, Brigita and Elizabeth.

Jacob Veit was not quite two years of age when his parents brought him to America. He grew up in Mt. Clemens, where he received a common-school education, and when a boy learned the trade of tanner, which he followed until he went into business for himself, in January, 1889. It was on December 28, 1868, that he moved to Flint and began working for his brother-in-law, Charles Bassett, under whom he learned the tanner's trade, and succeeded him in the business in 1889, continuing the shop in partnership with Clark T. Perry. They operated on a small scale for awhile, but their business increased with the years and their quarters have had to be enlarged from time to time, until now they have a large and well-equipped modern establishment and carry on an extensive wholesale and retail business, which is confined principally to the state of Michigan. They manufacture harness and deal in saddlery and shoe findings, employing a considerable number of assistants. They have been in business twenty-seven years under the firm name of Veit & Perry, and have enjoyed a continuous growth all the while, owing to their honest dealings, good management and the fact that they send out only high-grade products.

Jacob Veit has been twice married. On January 15, 1869, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Ackerman, a daughter of John Ackerman and wife. Her death occurred in 1870, leaving one son, William Veit, now a successful business man of Flint, where he has long been engaged in the lumber and coal business. He married Nellie Nye, and has one son, William Veit, Jr. Elizabeth Ackerman was born at Grosse Point, Wayne county, Michigan, and she was only seventeen years old at the time of her death. She was a member of the German Lutheran church. On May 21, 1873, Jacob Veit married, secondly, Sarah Hyslop Corkey, who was born in New York City, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Middlenus) Corkey, the former a native of County Armagh, Ireland, from which country he came to America when seventeen years of age. Mr. Corkey was born in New York City, of Scotch and English parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Corkey came West in an early day and settled at Flint, in which vicinity he engaged in farming. They are both now deceased. Their family consisted of six chil-

dren, Agnes, Elspeth, Joseph, Mary, Harry and Sarah H. To Mr. Veit and his last wife three children have been born, Catherine Elizabeth, who was graduated from the Flint high school and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Josephine, who received a good education in the local schools and is at home with her parents, and Charles Jacob, who was also given proper educational advantages and is assisting his father with his business.

Politically, Mr. Veit is a Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of Genesee Lodge No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons; of Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; of the Flint Council, Royal and Select Masters, and of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, and is also a member of the Tribe of Ben-Hur and of the Foresters. His wife is a member of the Congregational church.

JOSEPH W. BERRIDGE.

Joseph W. Berridge, a well-known business man of Flint, proprietor of a drug store at 401 Detroit street, is a native son of Flint and has lived there the greater part of his life. He was born on April 24, 1876, son of Walter H. and Nellie (Collins) Berridge, the former of whom was born at Detroit, this state, and the latter in Ireland.

Walter H. Berridge was a son of Joseph W. Berridge and wife, the former a native of England, who came to this country and located at Detroit. Joseph W. Berridge conducted a road house about seven miles out of Detroit for some years, at the end of which time he came to this county and located at Clio, where he engaged in the mercantile business until his establishment was destroyed by fire, after which he bought a farm in the Otter Lake neighborhood and there spent the rest of his life. His wife died when about seventy years of age and he lived to the great age of ninety-nine years, his death then being due to injuries received when he was kicked by a colt. He and his wife were the parents of six children, Eliza, William, George, Charles, Walter and Vesta. Walter Berridge was about eighteen years old when he came to this county from Detroit with his parents. Not long thereafter he located at Flint and for a time worked at the present stand of Smith, Bridgeman & Company, and afterwards worked for that company a number of years. He then embarked in business for himself, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Thomas Collins, in the groceries, drugs and meat line, and some years later bought his partner's interest in the business

and continued in business alone. He took an active interest in civic affairs and held various city offices. Walter H. Berridge died in 1904, at the age of fifty-five years, and his widow still survives him. She is a member of the Catholic church, as was her husband, and their children were reared in that faith. There were ten of these children, namely: Ruperta, deceased, who was the wife of William Hurley; Joseph W., the subject of this biographical sketch; John C., of Flint; Walter H., of Wisconsin; Bessie, wife of Walter McGinnis, of Flint; Leo, also of Flint, and Charles, Nina, Nellie and Michael, who died in youth. The Widow Berridge was but a baby when she came to this country from Ireland with her parents, John C. and Nora (Horan) Collins, natives of Ireland, who settled at Detroit, where they spent the remainder of their lives, he dying at the age of seventy and she at the age of eighty. They were the parents of five children, Nellie, Michael, John, Thomas and Cornelius.

Joseph W. Berridge was reared at Flint, receiving his elementary education in the parochial schools, supplementing the same by a course in the Jesuit College at Detroit, after which he went to Cadillac, where for nearly seven years he was engaged in the mercantile business, handling groceries, feed and produce. While living at Cadillac he married Minnie Wolfrain, who died about eighteen months after her marriage. Mr. Berridge then went to Grand Rapids and for eighteen months he was engaged there as a traveling salesman for the wholesale grocery house of Clark, Jewell & Wells. He then went to Detroit and for two years was manager of a restaurant there, after which he returned to Flint and was for more than six years engaged in the service of the Buick Motor Company, then with the Chevrolet company for two years, at the end of which time he engaged in the drug business at his present location and has since then been thus engaged, doing an excellent business. Mr. Berridge is a Democrat and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but is not included in the office-seeking class. He is a member of the Catholic church and gives proper attention to all movements designed to advance the best interests of his home city.

During his residence in Detroit, Mr. Berridge married, secondly, Julia Hooley, who was born at Pinconning, this state, daughter of Daniel Hooley and wife, natives of Ireland, the former of whom is still living. To that union there was born one child, a daughter, Ruperta. Mrs. Julia Berridge died on December 24, 1910, and in 1912 Mr. Berridge married Bessie Bostwick, who was born at Orion, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Berridge reside at 516 Payne street and are very comfortably situated there.

WILLIAM N. WOOD.

Among all the occupations and professions of life, there is none more honorable, none more independent and none more conducive to health and happiness than agriculture. One of the contented farmers of Genesee county is William N. Wood, of Mundy township. He was born in Deerfield township, Livingston county, Michigan, December 6, 1846, and is a son of Caleb and Jane E. (Sellers) Wood, natives of the states of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. They came to Michigan when young and were married in Livingston county, May 27, 1839. The father died on January 14, 1885; the mother survived to a ripe old age, dying on February 16, 1903. To these parents four children were born, three of whom survive in 1916, namely: John W., who is engaged in farming in Gaines township, Genesee county; Hannah E. is the wife of Ira Gazlay and they live on a farm in Mundy township, and William N., of this sketch.

The subject of this review was ten years old when he came with his parents to Genesee county and he attended the district schools in Mundy township. Here, in 1856, the father entered eighty acres of land, which William N. now owns. It was timbered and they cleared and improved it, erecting buildings, and by their industry made a comfortable home.

William N. Wood married Eliza Larobardiere on April 26, 1868. She was born in Mundy township, this county, June 12, 1847, a daughter of Francis Larobardiere and wife, natives of France, from which country they came to the state of New York, thence to Genesee county, Michigan.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Wood went to housekeeping on their present farm, he owning forty acres at that time, and he also now owns eighty acres in Gaines township and has made a very comfortable living as a general farmer and stock raiser.

Politically, Mr. Wood is a Republican and served two terms as highway commissioner. He and his wife belong to the Methodist church at Swartz creek, of which Mr. Wood was steward for many years and was very active in church work.

Francis P. Larobardiere, brother of Mrs. Wood, who is living on his farm of one hundred acres in Mundy township, was born on this farm, September 8, 1863. He is a son of Francis and Louisa (Coquigne) Larobardiere, both natives of France, where they grew up, the father in Lorraine. When a boy he came to the United States and located in Black River county, New York, later moving to Oswego county, that state. His



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wife was born and reared in Jouvee, France, and was twelve years old when she came to the state of New York with her parents, her family locating in Oswego county, and there she met and married Mr. Larobardiere. Not long thereafter they came to Genesee county, Michigan, locating on a farm in Mundy township. They purchased three hundred and twenty acres in one tract, Francis settling on one hundred and sixty acres, where he spent the rest of his life, dying in the spring of 1869. His family consisted of eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity, and six are still living, namely: Joseph, of Mundy township; Eliza, who married the subject of this sketch; Ora, the wife of George Newton, of Mundy township; Lunetta, the wife of Joseph Goodyear; Paulina, the wife of John Wood; Francis P., a farmer of Mundy township.

Francis P. Larobardiere grew up on the farm and attended the district schools and the Flint high school. He lived at home until his marriage, on December 14, 1887, to Lizzie M. Dittslock, a daughter of Godfrey and Minnie Dittslock, natives of the vicinity of Bremen, Germany, from which country they came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Flint township, Genesee county. After his marriage, Francis P. lived eleven years on a farm which he owned in section 9, Mundy township, then moved to his present farm in section 8. His family consists of three children: John P. is married and lives on the farm; Floyd H. is married and lives in Grand Blanc; Edessa, who was graduated from Flint Business College, lives at home.

CHARLES H. MILLER.

Charles H. Miller, a well-known hardware merchant at Flint and former president of the Michigan State Hardware Dealers' Association, is a native son of Michigan, born in the neighborhood of Ypsilanti, in Washtenaw county, this state, November 3, 1862, son of Benjamin and Janet (Wallace) Miller, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Scotland, both now deceased, who were the parents of eight children, namely: Helen, deceased, who was the wife of Frank Chase; Dr. Benjamin F. Miller, of Flint; William, of Ypsilanti; George, of Plymouth, this state; Charles H., the subject of this biographical sketch; Reuben, who died on December 25, 1915, and two who died in early youth.

Benjamin Miller was born in 1822, son of John and Barbara (Stuck)

Miller, natives of Pennsylvania, who had moved to New York state and in 1836 came to Michigan, locating on a farm in Washtenaw county, where they spent the rest of their lives. John Miller died when past middle age and his widow lived to the great age of ninety-six years. They were the parents of five children, John, George, Catherine, Margaret and Benjamin. The latter was about fourteen years old when he came to this state with his parents in 1836 and he grew to manhood in Washtenaw county, becoming an expert millwright and bridge carpenter, which vocation he followed for some years and then became a farmer. For years he was road commissioner and built many of the bridges in his home county. Late in life he retired from the farm and moved to Ypsilanti, which town had always been his postoffice, and there he died in 1910, at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife died at the age of seventy-four years. She had come to this state with her parents from Scotland in pioneer days, the family settling on a farm near the village of Wayne, in Wayne county. Grandfather Wallace lived to well past middle age. He and his wife were the parents of three children, John, Matthew and Janet.

Charles H. Miller was reared on his father's farm in Washtenaw county and obtained his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and in the high school at Ypsilanti. When twenty years of age he went to Flint, where he became engaged as a clerk in the hardware store of George W. Hubbard, becoming thoroughly familiar with the details of the hardware business. In 1888 he and Frank Algoe formed a partnership and opened a hardware store at 520 South Saginaw street and were thus associated in business for nineteen years, at the end of which time Mr. Miller sold his interest in the store to his partner and in 1908 opened a new store at 424 South Saginaw street, where he has since been quite successfully engaged in business. Mr. Miller is one of the best-known hardware men in Michigan and served one term as president of the State Hardware Dealers Association, in the affairs of which organization he has for many years taken an active interest. He is a Democrat and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has never been included in the office-seeking class. For years he was a member of the Michigan National Guard, attached to the Flint Blues, and was captain of that organization during the years 1890-92. He has business interests outside his store and is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank of Flint. Mr. Miller and his wife are members of the Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman, and long have been regarded as among the leaders in local good works. Mr. Miller is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory, Ancient

Accepted Scottish Rite, at Bay City, and is a noble of Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Saginaw. He is past master of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons, at Flint; a member of Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, and of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in the affairs of all of whom organizations he takes a warm interest.

It was in October, 1887, that Charles H. Miller was united in marriage to Catherine Fellows, who was born at London, Ontario, in August, 1863, daughter of Charles Fellows and wife, the former a native of England and the latter of Canada, who later located at Flint, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Charles Fellows was the founder of the old *Weekly Journal* at Flint and was a man of much influence in that city in his day. He and his wife were the parents of six children, Charles, Jennie, Catherine, James, William and Harry. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller one child has been born, a daughter, Blanche, who married Charles L. Lippincott and has two children, Charles and Harry.

DARWIN P. SMITH.

Darwin P. Smith, well-known and up-to-date florist at Flint, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the town of Warren, in Macomb county, October 17, 1851, son of Carleton and Jane (Dawson) Smith, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Canada, who became pioneers in Michigan and whose last days were spent in Flint.

Carleton Smith was a son of Nathaniel Smith and wife, natives of Vermont, the former of whom, a grandson of a soldier of the Revolution, was a soldier in the War of 1812. Nathaniel Smith was a farmer and also kept an inn on the northern line of New York state. About the close of territorial days, in 1837, he and his family came to Michigan and settled at Troy, later moving to Otisville, this county, where he and his wife spent their last days, among the most influential pioneers of that section. They had a considerable family of children, among whom are mentioned William, Vandoris, Carleton, Henry and Mercy. Carleton Smith was thus among the pioneers of this section of Michigan. He settled near Otisville, this county, at a point now called Smith Hill, several of the Smith families having settled there, and had to cut a road through the forest from Flint to Otisville, a distance

of several miles. He married Jane Dawson, who was born at Little York, now a part of the city of Toronto, Ontario, and who was the last-born of the four children born to her parents, the others having been George, James and Ellen. Grandfather Dawson was a bookbinder. He and his wife and their three children emigrated from Scotland to Canada, settling in a suburb of Toronto, where the daughter, Jane, was born. Later the family came to Michigan and settled at Royal Oak, where Grandfather Dawson and his wife spent the rest of their lives. For some years Carleton Smith made his home on the farm near Otisville, in Forest township, and then moved to Warren, in Macomb county, but in 1860 returned to Genesee county and settled just west of Flint, where he afterward became the owner of a farm. For some time he was engaged in the extensive clearing operations of his brother-in-law, George Dawson. His last years were spent in Flint, where he died at the advanced age of eighty years. His wife had preceded him to the grave some years before, she having been sixty-seven years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the Methodist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were three of these children, sons all, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being George D., for years a well-known resident of Clayton township, this county, who is said to have been the first white child born in Forest township, and Levi R., who was drowned in Long Lake years ago.

Darwin P. Smith was about nine years old when his parents returned from Warren, the place of his birth, to this county, and he grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Flint township, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and in the old high school at Flint. He taught district school one year and then went to Rochester, New York, where he entered the employ of Elwanger & Barry, nursery proprietors and florists, and became thoroughly familiar with the details of that business, a business which he has followed almost continuously ever since. About 1874 Mr. Smith returned to Flint and started a small nursery in the vicinity of that city, but soon afterward moved into the town and established a greenhouse on East street, where he was engaged in business until 1907, in which year he moved his establishment to what is now 1900 Lapeer street, where he has one of the most extensive floricultural plants in this part of the state, his great establishment carrying more than twenty-five thousand square feet of glass, and there he has built up an extensive business, with a downtown office at 121 East Kearsley street. Mr. Smith was reared as a Republican. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a member of Genesee Lodge No. 24; with the Loyal Guard and with the

Knights of the Maccabees, in all of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

In October, 1874, Darwin P. Smith was united in marriage to Mary Eva Chapman, who was born on a farm in Clayton township, this county, November 4, 1854, daughter and only child of Morgan and Adaline (Dart) Chapman, both now deceased, the former of whom was a native of the state of New York and the latter of Connecticut, and to this union two children have been born, Roy M., associated with his father in business, as foreman of the greenhouse, who married Pearl Shepard and has two children, Bethany and Ronald, and Marian, who is a graduate of the college at Ypsilanti and is now teaching in the Flint schools. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church. They have a very pleasant home adjoining their greenhouses at 1900 Lapeer street.

LESLIE D. GILLETT.

Leslie D. Gillett, one of Flint's best-known young automobile dealers, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Vienna township, June 10, 1889, son of Isaac and Annetta (Fields) Gillett, the former a native of New York State and the latter of Canada, both now living retired at Clio, this county.

Isaac Gillett was but a boy when he came to this county from New York with his parents, the family settling in Vienna township, where his father was killed shortly after coming here by a tree falling on him while he was clearing the land on his farm. The mother died in May, 1916. Grandfather Gillett and wife were the parents of four children, William, Isaac, Melissa and Nelson. Isaac Gillett grew to manhood on that pioneer farm and married Annetta Fields, a daughter of Ralph and Hanna Fields, who had come to this county from Canada and settled in Vienna township, where they lived to old age. Ralph Fields and wife were the parents of seven children, George, Isaac, Laura, Annetta, Martin, Willetta and Theresa. After his marriage Isaac Gillett became a farmer on his own account and still owns the farm on which he made his home until his retirement and removal to Clio, where he and his wife are now living. They are members of the Methodist church. For years Isaac Gillett took an active interest in the civic affairs of his community and held various township offices. To him and his wife five children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of

birth, the others being Ralph, of Clio; Earl, who is attending the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing, and Evelyn and Murray, at home.

Leslie D. Gillett was reared on the paternal farm in Vienna township and attended the neighboring district school, the high school at Mt. Morris and the high school at Clio, from which latter he was graduated, after which he engaged in the automobile business at Clio, his success there emboldening him to strike out in a wider field. Early in the spring of 1915 Mr. Gillett established his present business at Flint and has done very well, his sales room and garage on North Saginaw street being one of the best-known establishments of the kind in the city. His specialty in the sales department is the Overland car, in the distribution of which hereabout he has been very successful. Mr. Gillett has other interests outside his automobile business and is vice-president of the Gillett Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of tables. He is a Republican and during his residence at Clio served as councilman there one term. He also was a member of the Clio fire department. He is a member of the Methodist church, a Mason, member of Vienna Lodge No. 205, and is a member of the Knights of Birmingham, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On August 2, 1916, Leslie D. Gillett married Florence A. Utley, a daughter of Daniel Utley, of this county.

ELMER NEHEMIAH PHILLIPS.

Elmer Nehemiah Phillips, well-known proprietor of the popular "Phil's Cafe," 111 Kearsley street, Flint, is a native of Illinois, born at the town of Auburn, that state, June 27 1876, son of Nehemiah and Eliza J. (Sutton) Phillips the former a native of Michigan and the latter of the Dominion of Canada, who were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: David, deceased; Luella, wife of Herbert H. Harmon, of Flint; Raphael, of Flushing, this county, and Ida May, of Flint.

Nehemiah Phillips was the eldest of the eight children born to his parents, David and Lucretia (Mead) Phillips, pioneers of this state, whose other children were Zilpha, Lucetta, Alexander, Phidelus, Orville, Melvina and Elvington, all of whom are now deceased, save Lucetta. He was carefully reared and early developed such pronounced artistic tendencies that he was trained in art and became a painter of more than local note. He

married Eliza Sutton, youngest of the four children of Jacob and Judith (Mead) Sutton, the others being Lucy, Josiah and John, and shortly after his marriage moved to Carlinville, Illinois, and thence to Girard, in the same state, where he died in 1879. His widow survived him about eight years, her death occurring in 1887, at the age of forty years. Nehemiah Phillips was an honored veteran of the Civil War, having served in the army of General Grant during the struggle between the states.

Elmer N. Phillips was but three years old when his father died and was but eleven when he was orphaned, indeed, by the death of his mother. His early boyhood was spent in Auburn, Carlinville and Girard, Illinois, and his schooling was obtained in the public schools and in a school for orphans at Normal, that same state. When fourteen years of age he went to live with his maternal uncle, J. M. Sutton, at Girard and later at Springfield, Illinois, in which latter city he worked in a restaurant owned by his uncle and became thoroughly familiar with the details of the restaurant business. In 1898 he came to Michigan and located at Flint, where he has ever since been actively connected with the restaurant business. In 1908 he opened his present place of business and has made "Phil's Cafe" one of the most distinctive eating places in this part of the state, besides which he has attained a fine reputation as a first-class caterer. His place is handsomely appointed and is noted for the excellence of its service, a material contribution to the latter being the fresh eggs and choice chickens supplied from the proprietor's own fine little chicken farm in Mt. Morris township, where he has a very pleasant home and where he makes a specialty of his chickens, Rhode Island Reds being his favorites. In the summer of 1915 Mr. Phillips raised thirteen hundred chickens.

On June 10, 1902, Elmer N. Phillips was united in marriage to Olive May Attridge, who was born in Canada, March 17, 1882, daughter of Richard and Priscilla (McMane) Attridge, both natives of the Dominion, who were the parents of four daughters, Elvina, Olive May, Minerva and Elizabeth. Richard Attridge died in Canada and his widow married William Schnock, to which second union four children were born, Caroline, Grace, Noble and Viola. Richard Attridge was the son of Michael and Kate (Ducklow) Attridge, natives of County Cork, Ireland, who emigrated to Canada and there engaged in farming. They were the parents of ten children, William, James, John, Thomas, Samuel, Edward, Robert, Mary Ann, Frances and Richard. Mrs. Phillips' maternal grandparents, Charles and Ellen (Barr) McMane, emigrated from Dublin, Ireland, to Canada, where they also engaged in farming and where they reared a family of eleven

children, Jane, Eliza, Sarah, Allan, Ellen, Ann, Charles, Robert, Priscilla, Fannie and Rebecca. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are members of the Episcopal church and he is a Republican in his political views.

JOHN W. RILEY.

John W. Riley, a well-known and substantial farmer of Clayton township, this county, and the proprietor of a well-kept farm of something more than eighty acres on rural route No. 2, out of Swartz Creek, is a native of the great Empire state, but has been a resident of Michigan since he was a child. He was born in New York state, June 2, 1861, son of John and Nora (Ryan) Riley, natives of Ireland, who later came to Michigan and settled in Genesee county, where their last days were spent.

John Riley came from Ireland to the United States with his parents when a boy and grew up in the state of New York, where he married Nora Ryan, who was twenty years old when she came to this country from Ireland. Some years after their marriage, John Riley and his wife and the children born to them in New York came to Michigan and located at Grand Blanc, in this county. Later he bought a farm of forty acres in Mundy township and established his home there, continuing to live on that place for twelve years, at the end of which time he sold the "forty" and bought an "eighty" in that same neighborhood, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the Catholic church, in the faith of which they reared their children. There were eight of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Ella, wife of S. Algree; Thomas, a farmer of Clayton township; Timothy, a farmer of Mundy township; Mate, deceased, who was the wife of Frank Wadley; Elizabeth, wife of George Irzentrier, of Gaines township; Nora, wife of Fred Robenger, of Mundy township, and Edward, a farmer of Mundy township.

John W. Riley was but a child when his parents came to this county from New York and he was reared on the home farm in Mundy township, receiving his schooling in the district schools in the neighborhood of his home. He remained at home, a valued assistant in the work of developing and improving the home place, until he was twenty-two years old, after which he began working on his own account. In 1893 he bought the farm on which he is now living and after his marriage, in the fall of 1895, estab-



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lished his home there and has ever since lived there, he and his wife being very pleasantly situated. Mr. Riley is a Democrat and takes a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

It was on October 2, 1895, that John W. Riley was united in marriage to Mary Gable, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1868, daughter of Martin and Ann Gable, who came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Clayton township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Riley are members of the Catholic church and take a warm interest in parish affairs and in the general good works of the community in which they live.

FRANK A. BARKER.

Frank A. Barker, a well-known and substantial farmer of Gaines township, this county, owner of a well-kept farm on rural route No. 2, out of Swartz Creek, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Wayne county, March 31, 1870, son of John and Harriet (Bemiss) Barker, both natives of the state of New York, who came to Michigan in the days of their youth with their respective parents and grew up and were married in Wayne county.

After his marriage John Barker established his home on a farm in Wayne county and lived there until about 1873, when he moved into Shiawassee county and located on an unimproved farm of eighty acres in the vicinity of Henderson, where he spent the rest of his life, becoming a substantial farmer and a useful citizen of that community. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom four are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Albert, a farmer in Saginaw county, this state; Nettie, wife of John Spittle, who lives in Shiawassee county, and Lester, who owns the old home place in that county.

Frank A. Barker was about three years old when his parents moved from Wayne county to Shiawassee county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in the neighborhood of Henderson, receiving his schooling in the schools of that town, and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he engaged in farming on his own account. He was married when twenty-three years of age, and continued making his home in Shiawassee county until 1904, in which year he moved over into Genesee county, bought the farm on which he is now living in Gaines township and there has lived ever since, doing very well in his farming operations. In

addition to his general farming Mr. Barker has given considerable attention to the raising of Holstein cattle and has prospered. He is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has never been a seeker after public office. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that order.

It was in June, 1893, that Frank A. Barker was united in marriage to Lillie Davis and to this union eight children have been born, John, Edith, Beatrice, Helen, Louis, Alice, Ernest and Ethel. The Barkers have a very pleasant home on their well-kept farm and take a proper interest in the various social activities of their home community, helpful in the work of promoting all good causes thereabout.

HON. GEORGE E. HOUGHTON.

Hon. George E. Houghton, former representative in the Legislature from the first Genesee district, a well-known retired farmer of the Swartz Creek neighborhood in this county, now living in the village of Swartz Creek, and for years actively identified with the development of the interests of the community in which he lives, is a native of the state of Ohio, but has lived in Michigan since he was a boy. He was born in Mantua township, Portage county, Ohio, October 8, 1840, son of George E. and Rosina S. (Thomas) Houghton, natives of Vermont, who came to Michigan in 1855.

The senior George E. Houghton moved from Vermont to Ohio, where he married Rosina S. Thomas and where he made his home until 1855, in which year he came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Gaines township, this county, where he established his home. In his home county in Ohio he had been prominent in politics and upon coming to this county took an equally active part, affiliating with the Republicans upon the formation of that party and for some time serving as justice of the peace, an office he also had filled at his old home in Ohio. His wife died here on December 16, 1880. The senior George E. Houghton and wife were the parents of ten children, six of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch, the eldest, being as follows: Hiram W., a retired farmer of Clayton township, this county; Adelia R., wife of Charles M. Miller, of Clayton township; Fred, of Riverside, California; Thomas E., a farmer of Venice township, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, and Otis E., a field man for the Owosso Sugar-Beet Company.

The junior George E. Houghton was about fifteen years old when he

came to this state from Ohio with his parents in 1855 and he continued his schooling here, attending the high school at Flint, after which he became a school teacher and for five years taught in the district schools. In 1863 he returned to his old home in Ohio in 1864, enlisted as a private in Company E, One Hundred and Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until discharged. Upon the completion of his military services, Mr. Houghton returned to Genesee county and took up farming, and on March 4, 1875, he married Emma N. Decker, who was born at Metamora, in the neighboring county of Lapeer, April 25, 1853, daughter of William W. and Eleanor (Johnson) Decker, both of whom were born in Chili township, Genesee county, New York, and who had come to Michigan with their respective parents, the two families settling in Oakland county, where they grew up and were married. Mrs. Decker died at Grand Ledge, this state, February 6, 1912. Mr. Decker spent his last days in Henry county, Illinois, his death occurring on January 23, 1864. Their daughter Emma received her schooling at Pontiac and became a teacher, having taught school for four years at the time of her marriage to Mr. Houghton. After their marriage Mr. Houghton established his home on a farm in the neighborhood of Swartz Creek, where they lived, developing a fine property, until their retirement from the active labors of the farm on March 13, 1912, when they moved to the village of Swartz Creek, where they built a fine steam-heated house, into which they moved in September of that year, and where they since have made their home, being very pleasantly and comfortably situated. They have five children, Carrie E., George E., Howard M., Dale B. and Gladys R. Carrie E. Houghton received her schooling in the Swartz Creek schools and in the State Normal School at Ypsilanti and for some time taught school. She married Arthur J. Holden, proprietor of a commercial school at Laurium, this state, and is now an instructor in her husband's school. George E. Houghton was graduated from the Swartz Creek schools, later attended the normal school at Mt. Pleasant and then taught school for a time. He married Stella M. Root, of Swartz Creek, and is now living at Detroit, where he is employed as a passenger conductor on the Grand Trunk railroad. He and his wife had a daughter, Dorothy E., born on March 1, 1907, who died on March 25, 1916. Howard M. Houghton, who also was graduated from the Swartz Creek schools, married Elizabeth LaCass, of Clayton township, and is now the owner of a farm in that township. Dale B. Houghton was graduated from the Swartz Creek schools and is now a machinist, living in Detroit. He married Dorenza Wendell, of Muskegon, and has two children, Alene M., born on May 11, 1912, and

Dale B., Jr., June 28, 1916. Gladys R. Houghton was graduated from the Schwartz Creek schools and from the county normal and then for six years was engaged as a school teacher. She married Don H. Carmichael, of Clayton township.

Mrs. Houghton is a member of the Baptist church at Vernon and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, associate matron of the local chapter of that order. Mr. Houghton is a Democrat and for years has taken an active part in local political affairs, having served the first Genesee district in the lower House of the Michigan Legislature and having served for five years as supervisor of Clayton township.

HERBERT FRUTCHEY.

Herbert Frutchey, manager and one of the proprietors of the elevators of the Swartz Creek Grain Company at Swartz Creek, this county, and for years prominently identified with the grain business in this part of the state, is a native of the great Keystone state but has lived in Michigan since he was a child. He was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, on May 17, 1875, son of A. and Lydia (Ettinger) Frutchey, both of whom were born and reared in that state, married there and continued to live there until 1878, when they came to Michigan with their family and settled in Tuscola county, later locating at Deford, in that county, where they still live and where A. Frutchey has for years been actively engaged in the grain, live-stock and general mercantile business, head of a string of grain elevators throughout this part of the state, including the towns of Swartz Creek, Cass City, Kingston, Decker and Deford, each one of which is individually incorporated under the laws of the state. The business at Swartz Creek is incorporated under the name of the Swartz Creek Grain Company, A. Frutchey, president, and Herbert Frutchey, secretary-treasurer. To A. Frutchey and wife three children have been born, those besides the subject of this sketch being Alice, wife of Frank Nettleton, and Joseph Frutchey, secretary-treasurer of the Cass City Grain Company at Cass City.

Herbert Frutchey was about three years old when he came to Michigan with his parents. He completed the course in the grade schools of Cass City when seventeen years old and then took a course in a business college, after which, in 1893, he became associated with his father in the grain business and has ever since been thus engaged, having been manager of the elevator at

Swartz Creek and secretary-treasurer of the company operating the same since 1913. In addition to his extensive grain interests, Mr. Frutchey is interested quite heavily in the great Alpena Ranch Company, incorporated, which is operating a ranch of something like five or six thousand acres, most of which is given over to the raising of live stock. Mr. Frutchey is a Democrat, but has never been an office seeker. He is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Bay City and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that order.

Herbert Frutchey married Elsie Murphy, of Cass City, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Elizabeth L., born in November, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Frutchey have a very pleasant home at Swartz Creek and take a proper interest in the various social activities of their home town.

ABRAM MELVIN TRUMBLE.

Abram Melvin Trumble, a well-known and well-to-do retired farmer of Davison township, this county, now living at Davison, where for some time he has been actively engaged in the buying and selling of live stock, is a native son of Michigan, and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Hadley township, in the neighboring county of Lapeer, December 29, 1855, son of Stewart and Deborah E. (Tryon) Trumble, natives of New York state, the former of whom was killed in battle while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, and the latter of whom spent her last days in the village of Goodrich, this county.

Stewart Trumble was but a lad when he came from New York with his parents, David Trumble and wife, who settled in the vicinity of the village of Hadley, in Lapeer county, where he grew to manhood and where he married Deborah Eliza Tryon, who was born at Ransomville, New York, daughter of Thomas S. and Wealthy (Church) Tryon, who became pioneers in Lapeer county, the latter of whom was a member of the extensive church family, which traces back through John, Simon, Samuel and Edward Church to Richard Church and through the latter on back to John Church, of Sussex, England, in 1355. Some time after his marriage Stewart Trumble moved to Iowa and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted as a private in Company I, Fourth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until he met with a soldier's fate at the battle of Pea Ridge. His widow returned to Michigan with her son,

the subject of this sketch, and married William Cole, of Elba township, and after the latter's death on January 31, 1867, married, in 1869, Peter Langland, of Davison, this county, who died in 1871. She survived until January 9, 1889, her death occurring at Goodrich, this county. By her first marriage she was the mother of one child, a son, the subject of this review; by her second marriage she was the mother of one child, a daughter, Lucretia Cole, who married Mark Hoard, and is now living at Leonard, this state, and by her last marriage was the mother of two children, both of whom died in infancy.

Abraham M. Trumble was about three years of age when his parents moved from Hadley to Iowa and after the death of his soldier father, he returned to this state with his mother and grew to manhood in this county, starting out for himself as a farmer in Davison township. He completed his schooling in the high school at Goodrich and presently bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in the southern part of Davison township, where his mother and his sister, Lucretia, lived with him until 1881, when they moved to the village of Goodrich, where his mother spent her last days. For more than twenty years Mr. Trumble has been engaged in the buying and selling of live stock, making his shipments from the village of Davison, and in 1904 moved to that village, where he since has made his home and where he and his wife are very pleasantly situated. He continues his live-stock business and is one of the best-known shippers in the county. Mr. Trumble is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, and of the Loyal Guard, in the affairs of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

On May 24, 1877, Abram M. Trumble was married to Lillian M. Ball, who was born in Davison township, this county, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Pettis) Ball, natives of New York, early residents of this county and for many years prominent in the life of the southeastern part of the county. Henry Ball was born in Newstead, New York, August 18, 1826, son of John and Sarah (Ayres) Ball, the former of whom homesteaded a tract of land in the vicinity of Akron, Erie county, New York. He became a school teacher and about 1848, came to Michigan, settling at Grand Blanc, for several years teaching in the schools of that vicinity; and in that neighborhood, on January 1, 1851, married Elizabeth Pettis, who was born at East Pembroke, New York, August 21, 1833, daughter of Charles and Rachel (Tracy) Pettis, who came to Michigan in the latter part of that same year and settled in Grand Blanc township, this county. After Henry Ball's marriage he engaged in farming in Davison township, buying a quarter of a

section of land on the Irish road, one-half mile north of the line of Atlas township, and there spent the rest of his life, adding to his original tract until he became the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of choice land, being accounted one of the most substantial farmers in that section of the county. About 1870 he started a cheese factory, which some years later he leased to a stock company which operated it until it was destroyed by fire. Mr. Ball took an active part in civic affairs, and for some time served as justice of the peace in and for his home township. He died in 1877 and his widow survived until January 7, 1906. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Trumble was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follows: Charles H., who died in infancy; Ella J., who died in infancy; Flora E., who married George Taylor and lives at Argentine, this county; Charles N., deceased; Fred H., deceased; Jennie R., who lives in Davison township, widow of William H. Howe, and Cora D., wife of James Trollope, of Goodrich, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Trumble two sons and one daughter have been born, Oscar Stewart, born on September 30, 1878; Charles Henry, August 30, 1882, and Myrtle Estelle, February 11, 1881, who died on May 13, 1884. Oscar S. Trumble early devoted himself to an educational career, and is now a teacher in the high school at Jackson. On June 27, 1905, he married Jessie Blanche Harbison, of Bath, this state, and has two children, Donald Charles and Melvin Joseph. Charles H. Trumble early turned his attention to a mercantile career, and was engaged in the drug business at Brown City until 1915, since which time he has given his attention to the manufacturing and automobile business, owner of a large garage at that place, local agent there for two popular makes of automobiles and a partner in the Brown City Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of plows, sleighs and the like. On September 24, 1907, he was married to Mimie E. Rooney, and has two children, Eleanor Faye and Charles Stewart.

ARTHUR G. CARRIER.

Arthur G. Carrier, postmaster of Duffield, this county, and a well-known and progressive merchant of that village, is a native of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Gaines township, July 26, 1869, son of Lyman and Maria (Warner) Carrier, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Vermont, who came to Michigan with their respective parents in the days of their youth and grew up in Genesee county, where they married and afterward estab-

lished their home on a farm in section 7 of Gaines township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Lyman Carrier was a substantial farmer and a useful citizen. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom four are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Adelbert, a farmer in Clayton township, this county; Fred, a resident of San Francisco, California, and Lyman, who was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College and is now employed in the office of the agricultural department at Washington, D. C.

Arthur G. Carrier was reared on the home farm in Gaines township, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood, and remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, a valued assistant in the labor of developing and improving the same. When of age he started out on his own account, but after his marriage in 1901 established his home on the old home place and there remained for twelve years, the active manager of the farm. He then bought a stock of merchandise in the village of Duffield and has ever since been engaged in business there, having built up a large trade throughout that part of the county. Mr. Carrier is a Republican and has served his township in the capacity of treasurer and as highway commissioner. In 1912 he was appointed postmaster of Duffield and is still serving in that important public capacity, conducting the postoffice in his store.

It was in 1901 that Arthur G. Carrier was united in marriage to Ora Barker, who was reared at Byron, and who died on February 24, 1916. Mr. Carrier is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, and he has long been a member of the board of trustees of the same, taking an earnest interest in church work and in the general good works of the community. He is a Royal Arch Mason and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

HARRY C. PIERSON.

Harry C. Pierson, one of the best-known and most progressive farmers of Clayton township, this county, and the proprietor of "Plain View Stock Farm," a well-kept place of one hundred and fifty-one acres in section 2 of that township, situated one mile east and one mile south of Flushing, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Mt. Morris township on December 11, 1877, the son of



Harry L. Purson

James L. and Sophia (Crocker) Pierson. The father was born on that same farm and in the same house, December 19, 1846, the son of William Pierson, one of the best known among the early settlers in that part of Genesee county. The mother died in January, 1878, when her son, the subject of this sketch, was three weeks of age. James L. Pierson married again, about four years later, and continued to make his home in this county, a substantial resident of the Mt. Morris neighborhood, the rest of his life, his death occurring on December 19, 1886.

As noted above, Harry C. Pierson was but an infant when his mother died and he was cared for during his early childhood by his aunts, resuming his place in the household of his father after the latter's second marriage. He received his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, in the high school at Flint and in the normal college, continuing working as a farmer during school vacations. About the time of his marriage, in the fall of 1899, he then being not quite twenty-two years of age, he bought the farm on which he is now living and where he has lived ever since, he and his wife being very pleasantly situated there. Mr. Pierson is a progressive farmer, carrying on his farming operations in accordance with modern methods, and has done very well. He is a Republican, taking an active interest in local political affairs, but is not an office holder.

On October 11, 1899, Harry C. Pierson was united in marriage to Florence A. Hussey, who was born in New York state and who came to Michigan with her uncle when she was thirteen years old. They located in this county and her schooling was completed in Genesee and Flint. Mr. and Mrs. Pierson are attendants at the Baptist church, contributing to the support of the same, and take a warm interest in all neighborhood good works and in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

SETH W. HOWES.

Seth W. Howes, president of the Lennon Creamery Company at Lennon and one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Clayton township, this county, proprietor of "Lindenwood Farm," a well-kept and profitably cultivated place of ninety-five acres in section 28, situated on the Lennon road, rural route No. 2, out of Swartz Creek, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Gaines

township, March 22, 1854, son of Henry D. and Harriet M. (Wheeler) Howes, the former a native of the state of Vermont and the latter of the state of New York, who were married in this county and spent their last days here, honored and influential residents of the community in which they lived for many years.

Henry D. Howes was born in Vermont on June 20, 1827, and when a young man came to Michigan, settling in Genesee county, where, on August 4, 1850, he married Harriet M. Wheeler, who was born in New York state on November 21, 1832, and who had come to this county with her parents in the days of her youth. After his marriage Henry D. Howes located on a tract in Gaines township, established his home there and proceeded to clear and develop the place, in time becoming one of the most substantial farmers in that section. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted for service in the Fifth Michigan Cavalry and served for three years, being mustered out as a corporal. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to the farm and lived there until 1872, when he moved to the farm in Clayton township on which his son, the subject of this sketch, now lives, and there he and his wife spent their last days, both dying on the same day, December 26, 1915, and were buried in the same grave. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: David, a resident of the state of Washington; Wheeler, a resident of Flint, this county; Charles, a resident of Nebraska; Zaide, who married G. V. Pixley, of Richmond, this state, and Mollie, who married O. C. Swayze, of Holly, this state.

Seth W. Howes was reared on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of the same and in the high school at Flint. Being the eldest son he was from the days of his boyhood a valued assistant to his father in the labor of developing and improving the home place and when the family moved to the new home in Clayton township in 1872, he then being eighteen years of age, he continued working with his father and in time relieved the latter from the active labors of the farm, becoming virtual manager of the same, and helped to bring pretty "Lindenwood Farm" up to a high state of cultivation. Upon his marriage in 1886 he established his home there and has ever since continued to make that place his place of residence, he and his family being very pleasantly situated. Of recent years he has associated with himself in the management of the farm his younger son, Frank Howes, as a partner, the affairs of "Lindenwood Farm" being conducted under the firm name of Seth W. Howes & Son. In addition to their general farming, Howes & Son give considerable attention

to the raising of pure-bred Jersey cattle and their dairy interests have prospered largely. Mr. Howes for years has given close attention to the development of the dairy interests of his community and is president of the Lennon Creamery Company, a very successful concern, in which he is a stockholder. Mr. Howes also has given considerable attention to local political affairs and has served the public as clerk of his township and as justice of the peace.

It was in 1886 that Seth W. Howes was united in marriage to Sarah A. Sutton, of Clayton township, and to this union two sons have been born, Harry, who married Matilda Knight and is a progressive young farmer in Clayton township, and Frank, who is associated with his father in the operation of the home farm. Both Mr. Howes and his sons are members of the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Lennon and of the Ancient Order of Gleaners and Mr. Howes is a member of the order of the Knights of the Maccabees, in the affairs of all of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

HON. BERT F. CRAPSER.

Hon. Bert F. Crapser, a well-known and substantial farmer of Clayton township, this county, owner of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on rural route No. 2, out of Swartz Creek, former representative in the Legislature from the first Genesee district and for years actively identified with the work of developing the best interests of the community in which he lives, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life, a continuous resident on the farm on which he now lives and where he was born on February 11, 1874, son of Charles and Lucretia (Kellecutt) Crapser, both natives of this state, the former of whom is still living on the farm in Clayton township, where he has made his home for more than half a century.

Charles Crapser was born on a pioneer farm in the Groveland section of the neighboring county of Oakland on February 13, 1837, son of Albert Crapser and wife, who had come to this state in territorial days from the Cattskill region of New York, locating in Oakland county, whence, in 1839, they came over into Genesee county and settled on a pioneer farm in Burton township, where they spent the rest of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of that part of the county. Albert Crapser and wife were the parents of five children, Charles, Catherine, Amos, John and Laura, of whom Charles, John and Catherine are still living. Charles Crapser was about two years old when his parents came to Genesee county in 1839 and he ever since

has lived here, thus being one of the oldest continuous residents of Genesee county. He grew to manhood on the homestead farm in Burton township and married Lucretia Kellecutt, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, and in 1864 moved onto the farm on which he now lives and where he ever since has lived, for many years having been regarded as one of the leading members of that community. His wife died on April 23, 1887. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch have two sisters, Zoa, wife of Fred E. Sutton, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Maud, wife of Edwin Davis, a well-known resident of Clayton township, this county.

Bert F. Crapser was reared on the old Crapser homestead farm in Clayton township, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood, and from the days of his boyhood was a valuable assistant in the work of developing and improving the same. After his marriage he continued to make his home there and has continued there to this day, for years past having relieved his father of the active management of the place. He is very successfully farming one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, in addition to his general farming giving considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock, and has done very well. Mr. Crapser has for years given close attention to local political affairs, having served the public in various local offices, and in 1912, as the nominee of the National Progressive party, was elected representative from the first Genesee district to the lower House of the Michigan General Assembly, by a vote of 1,513 to 1,451 for Ransom L. Ford, 1,432 for Norman A. Morrish, 68 for Herbert F. Bodine and 1 for E. T. Middleton, serving in the session of 1913. During his service in the House Mr. Crapser was a member of a number of important committees and was chairman of the committee on village corporations.

Mr. Crapser has been twice married. In February, 1908, he was united in marriage to Rebie Luther, of Swartz Creek, and to that union two children were born, daughters both, Mildred and Dorothy. On December 15, 1914, Mr. Crapser married Bernice Morrish, a member of Genesee county's excellent corps of public school teachers, who was born on a farm in Clayton township, this county, daughter of Hiram and Maria (Hurd) Morrish. Mr. Crapser is senior deacon of Swartz Creek Lodge No. 458, Free and Accepted Maçons, of which lodge he has been secretary for three years, and both he and his wife are members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which chapter Mrs. Crapser, who was one of the organizers of the same, is now the worthy matron. Mr. and Mrs. Crapser have a very pleasant home and take an earnest interest in the general social activities

of their home community, helpful in the work of promoting all proper agencies for the advancement of the best interests of the community in which they have lived all their lives and to the general welfare of which they are so warmly devoted.

FRANK P. WILDMAN.

Frank P. Wildman, cashier of the Bank of Swartz Creek at Swartz Creek, this county, and for some years connected with banking and other business interests at Flint, is a native of the Dominion of Canada, but has lived in Michigan since he was a child. He was born at Lonsdale, Ontario, January 29, 1873, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Chilson) Wildman, natives of Canada, who came to Michigan in 1875 and located at Flint, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Richard Wildman was born on April 18, 1823, and became one of the leading and most influential citizens of Lonsdale. He married Elizabeth Chilson, also a native of Canada, who was born on April 29, 1834, and for many years continued in the general merchandise business at Lonsdale, thirty-two years of which time he served as postmaster of the town. He and his wife were earnest members of the Methodist church, liberal contributors to the same, and aided in the erection of two churches. In 1875 Richard Wildman retired from business at Lonsdale and with his family came over into Michigan, locating at Flint, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential residents of that city. Mrs. Wildman died in 1892 and Mr. Wildman survived until 1902. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: William H., born on July 22, 1853, now living in the West, the proprietor of extensive mining and agricultural interests in Montana and Idaho; Phoebe A., who is widely known as a teacher and educator; George L., a well known and substantial farmer of Burton township, this county, and A. R., a merchant, owner of a fine confectionery store at Traverse City.

Frank P. Wildman was but a child when his parents located at Flint in 1875 and he grew to manhood in that city, supplementing the course in the public schools by a thorough course in the Flint Business College, from which he was graduated. He then turned his attention to commercial pursuits and for six years was employed in the cloak and carpet department of the store of Pierce Brothers & Company at Flint, after which he entered the service of the Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank as collector, rising in the

service of the bank until he became paying teller, a position he held until 1912, in which year he engaged in the manufacture of brooms and was thus engaged until 1915, when he became cashier of the Bank of Swartz Creek, the position he now occupies. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Wildman has valuable real-estate interests in Flint and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of Genesee county. He is a Democrat, but has never taken a particularly active part in political affairs.

In 1897 Frank P. Wildman was united in marriage to Marian Barney, of Flint, daughters of M. C. Barney, now a resident of Detroit. They have a son, Charles Wildman, born in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Wildman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Swartz Creek and take an active part in the various beneficences of the same, Mr. Wildman being a member of the official board of the church. Mr. Wildman is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons; with Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; with the Michigan Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and is a noble of Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias, and is past chancellor of that lodge. Mr. Wildman has taken an active interest in Masonic affairs and is a past master of his lodge and a member of the grand lodge of Michigan, Free and Accepted Masons.

CHARLES M. STAFFORD.

Charles M. Stafford, who is engaged in the automobile repair business at Flint, was born in Montrose township, this county, on July 25, 1867, the son of Calvin and Eliza (Cook) Stafford, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Michigan, both now deceased, who were the parents of the following children: Nellie, deceased, who was the wife of Lorenzo A. Lousby; Charles M., of Flint; Lizzie, wife of Charles Blackstone of Clio; Elnora, wife of Charles Watson, of Pains Station; Edith, wife of Fred Guyett, of Chicago, Illinois; Walter A., of Frankenmouth Junction, Michigan; Robert L., of Clio; Mabel, wife of William Falkenhagen of Vienna township; Arthur, of Flushing township; Ernest, of near Saginaw; Elmer, who died at the age of six years, and a twin of Elmer, who died at the age of six weeks.

Calvin Stafford lived in Ohio until ten years of age when he came with

his parents to this county, the family settling on a farm in Thetford township, where he grew to manhood. He served for three years in the Civil War, a member of Company K, Twenty-third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and at the close of the war bought a farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres in Montrose township, this county. He later sold eighty acres of that farm and purchased forty acres in Vienna township and three hundred and thirty-five acres in Bridgeport township, in the neighboring county of Saginaw. With the exception of five years, during which he lived in Bridgeport township, he made his home in Vienna township until he removed to Clio, seven years before his death, in 1907. Mrs. Stafford died in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford were not members of any church, but attended the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Stafford was a justice of the peace for eight years.

The paternal grandparents of Charles M. Stafford were Sanford and Nancy (Tinkham) Stafford, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They settled in Thetford township, this county, and owned the same farm from 1853 until their death, Sanford living to the age of eighty-six and his wife to the age of eighty-five. They were the parents of seven children, Calvin, Irving, John, Hattie, Dettie, Vesta and Susie. The maternal grandparents were Lilly and Prudence (Butts) Cook, both natives of the state of New York, he being of English descent and she of German. On coming to Michigan they settled in Bridgeport township, Saginaw county, when Saginaw had but four log huts. There he entered the farm from the government on which he later died at the age of eighty-three years. His widow then went to live with her daughter, Mary Lathimer, in Birch Run township, and there she died three years later. They were the parents of six children, William, Abraham, Ruth, Adeline, Eliza and Mary.

Charles M. Stafford was raised on his father's farm in Montrose township and attended the district schools. After leaving school he continued to farm and live at home until he was twenty-three years of age. He then purchased a farm of seventy acres one-half mile from the home of his father and there he farmed until 1908 when he sold the place and moved to Flint, where he engaged in teaming for a time, after which he engaged in the automobile repair business.

Charles M. Stafford was united in marriage on October 18, 1890, to Minnie French, the daughter of James B. and Cynthia (Bennet) French. She was born in Vienna township where she grew to womanhood and attended school. Her father was a native of New York state while the mother was born in Igham county. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford are the parents

of two children, Elmer A., who works in the Buick automobile factory, and Helen M., who is in school. The paternal grandparents of Minnie (French) Stafford were natives of the state of New York, where they lived and farmed. They were the parents of five children, Amos, James, Peter, Jane and Maria. Her paternal grandparents were Norman Bennett and wife who were the parents of the eight children, Allen, Cynthia, Agnes, Emma, Lodenia, Florence, Alice and Maud.

In 1916 Charles M. Stafford married Mrs. Ida M. Grosephend, the widow of William Grosephend and the daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Streeter) Dunning, who, by her first marriage is the mother of six children, Nora, Lulu, Eugene, Hazel, Susanna and Lizzie. Ida M. (Dunning) Stafford was born in Montrose township in 1867. Her parents were early settlers in the county. The mother is still living, but the father died some years ago. Mrs. Stafford has one sister, Kate, and two brothers, Eugene and James.

Charles M. Stafford has always been an industrious and hard-working man, the greater part of his life having been spent on the farm. He is a member of two of the old families who were prominent in the early life of the county.

FRED TODD.

Fred Todd, a well-known and substantial farmer of Clayton township, this county, former supervisor of that township, and the proprietor of a fine farm on rural route No. 5, out of Flint, is a native son of Genesee county. He was born on a farm in the township in which he now lives, March 29, 1879, son of George M. and Elizabeth (Morrish) Todd, the former a native of New York state and the latter of England, who had come to this county during the days of their youth with their respective parents.

George M. Todd grew to manhood in Clayton township and there married Elizabeth Morrish, who had come to the United States when seven years old with her parents, the family coming to Michigan and settling in Clayton township, this county, where she grew to womanhood. After his marriage George M. Todd settled on a farm in Clayton township and there he spent practically all the rest of his life, a substantial and influential member of that community. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge at Flushing and was otherwise active in the general affairs of his home neighborhood. He died in 1908 and his widow is still living. They were

the parents of ten children, five of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Anna, wife of L. N. Badger, of Flint; Burt, who married Estella Stranahan and lives in Clayton township; Dell, who married Libbie Harding and lives in that same township, and Myrtle, unmarried, who is at home with her mother.

Fred Todd was reared on the home farm in Clayton township, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, and was a valuable aid in the work of developing and improving the home place, where he remained until he was twenty-one years of age. After his marriage in 1910 he located on the farm on which he is now living and there he and his family are very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Todd raises a good grade of live stock and is doing very well. He is a Democrat and for years has been active in local political affairs, having served for three years as township clerk and for four years as supervisor. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, a member of the "blue" lodge at Flushing and of the chapter and the commandery at Flint, taking a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

On December 14, 1910, Fred Todd was united in marriage to Millie Cronk, who was born on a farm in Flushing township, this county, July 5, 1879, daughter of George Cronk and wife, prominent residents of that community. To this union three children have been born, George E., born on August 2, 1912; Walter C., April 5, 1914, and Frederick J., June 19, 1916. Mrs. Todd is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred acres in Flushing township. The Todds have a pleasant home and take a proper interest in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

ERNEST W. DIECK.

Ernest W. Dieck, vice-president of the Lennon Commercial Bank and one of the best-known and most substantial farmers and stockmen of Clayton township, this county, proprietor of "Maple Lawn Stock Farm," a well-kept and profitably cultivated place of two hundred acres in section 28 of that township, two and one-half miles southeast of Lennon on rural route No. 2, out of Swartz Creek, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of this county ever since he was three years old. He was born on March 1, 1870, son of Frederick and Louise (Ketzler) Dieck, natives of Germany,

who, with their six children, came to the United States in 1873 and proceeded directly to Michigan, settling at Flint.

Frederick Dieck was a poor man when he came to Michigan and for some time after coming here he worked at various forms of employment at Flint, until he presently got a start sufficient to enable him to buy a farm of eighty acres in section 29 of Clayton township, where he established his home and where he spent the rest of his life, becoming one of the substantial residents of that community. He and his wife were members of the German Evangelical church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: August, a well-to-do farmer in the neighboring county of Shiawassee; Amelia, wife of Gustav Shuman, a farmer, of Clayton township, this county; Bertha, wife of George Clayton, also of Clayton township; Matilda, widow of Fred Ganssley, and Lizzie, widow of Fred Rittershofer, of Flushing.

Ernest Dieck was about three years of age when he came to this country from Germany with his parents in 1873 and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Clayton township, quitting school at the age of seventeen to begin farming on his own account and by the time of his marriage, when twenty-three years of age, had gained a substantial start on the way to his present success. After his marriage he established his home on the place adjoining that on which he is now living and to which he has added until he now is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres, where he and his family are very well situated, "Maple Lawn Stock Farm" long having been recognized as one of the model farms in that part of the county. He also owns forty acres in the adjoining county. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Dieck has given much attention to the raising of high-grade live stock, particularly Aberdeen cattle, and has done very well in that line. He also has given considerable attention to the general business interests of the community in which he lives and since the reorganization of the Lennon Commercial Bank in 1913 has been the vice-president of that growing financial institution. Mr. Dieck is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office. He is a member of the Swartz Creek lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

It was in 1893 that Ernest Dieck was united in marriage to Amelia Saltzman, who also was born in Germany and who was six years of age when her parents came to this country and settled in Wisconsin, and to this union six children have been born, Ulysess, who was graduated from the

Lennon schools; Enola, who also was graduated from the Lennon schools and who married Frank Moore, and Ethel, Hazel, Bertha and Frederick. The Diecks have a very pleasant home at "Maple Lawn Stock Farm" and take a proper interest in the various social activities of the community in which they live, useful contributors to all proper causes thereabout. Mrs. Dieck and the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILBERT L. MILLER.

Wilbert L. Miller, assistant cashier of bank at Swartz Creek, this county, for years a merchant at that place, eighteen years of which time he also served as postmaster, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Clayton township, in the immediate vicinity of Swartz Creek, in May, 1854, son of Enos M. and Martha J. (Chapman) Miller, the latter of whom passed away in November, 1905, and the former of whom is still living there, for many years a prominent and useful member of that community.

Enos M. Miller was born near Mt. Morris, New York, October 25, 1822, son of Adam and Margaret Miller, who came to the Territory of Michigan in 1836 with their family and settled in Clayton township, this county, where they established their home in the wilderness and where they spent their last days, Adam Miller dying not many years after coming out here. His widow kept the family together and in time the homestead farm was cleared and developed. She was one of the most vigorous of the pioneer women of this section and was one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal church at Swartz Creek. For years, or until the coming of physicians to this section, she practiced midwifery hereabout and her services in that connection were in wide demand throughout the neighborhood in which she lived. Adam and Margaret Miller were the parents of thirteen children, of whom Enos M. Miller is now the only survivor. Adam Miller homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres upon coming to this state and several others of the Miller family settling there about the same time, that vicinity became known as the Miller settlement and was long known as such.

As noted above, Enos M. Miller was a well-grown lad when he came out into the wilds of Michigan with his parents. Shortly after they had located here they sent him back to his old home in New York to complete his schooling and upon finishing the course there he returned to Michigan

and grew to manhood on the homestead farm, becoming a farmer on his own account after awhile, the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Clayton township, where he made his home and reared his family and which he still owns, but is now living in the village of Swartz Creek at a ripe old age. His wife, Martha J. Chapman, also was one of the early settlers in that part of the county and the two for many years were active in the work of developing the general social activities of that community, earnest workers in church work and in all neighborhood good works. At present Enos M. Miller is affiliated with the Church of Christ (Scientist), in the affairs of which he takes a warm interest. He has ever taken an active interest in the local political affairs of his community and for years was postmaster of Swartz Creek, the postoffice being established in his residence. To him and his wife seven children were born, of whom five are still living, namely: Clarence J., who for years was engaged in the grain business at Swartz Creek and is now president of the bank at that place; Wilbert L., the subject of this biographical sketch; A. T., who is engaged in the real-estate business at Flint; John A., a farmer in Clayton township, and C. E., for years agent for the Grand Trunk Railroad, now a resident of Flint.

Wilbert L. Miller was reared on the paternal farm in Clayton township, receiving his elementary schooling in the district schools of that neighborhood and supplementing the same by a course in the schools at Saginaw and Flint. In 1876 he engaged in the general mercantile business at Swartz Creek and after his marriage in 1878 established his home there. In 1882 he changed his line of mercantile activities and engaged in the hardware business, continuing in that line until 1904, when he sold out and has since been engaged in the banking business, in connection with his elder brother, being now the assistant cashier of the bank of Swartz Creek, of which his brother is the president. Mr. Miller has for years taken an active part in local political affairs. On August 28, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Swartz Creek and served in that capacity until July 1, 1915. He also has served as clerk and treasurer of Gaines township. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and of the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Swartz Creek, past noble grand of the lodge of the latter order, while both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the local chapter of which he is worthy patron, and of the Daughters of Rebekah, in the affairs of both of which organizations they take a warm interest.

It was in 1878 that Wilbert L. Miller was united in marriage to Alice Ingalls, who was born and reared in this county, daughter of Benjamin and Betsy Ingalls, and to this union three children have been born, Laverne O.,

now connected with the Cadillac State Bank at Cadillac, this state; Cassie F., who married William W. Blackney, of Flint, and Ford B., a merchant, connected with the firm of H. B. Freeman & Company at Swartz Creek.

ROBERT CARMICHAEL.

Robert Carmichael, a well-known and substantial farmer and stockbuyer of Clayton township, this county, doing an extensive business in live stock, under the name of Carmichael Brothers, and proprietor of a fine farm in section 15 of Clayton township, on which he makes his home, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Flint township on January 1, 1872, son of Alexander and Catherine (McNaughton) Carmichael, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Canada, who came to Michigan in 1865 and spent their last days in this county.

Alexander Carmichael was but a child when his parents emigrated from Scotland to Canada and he grew to manhood in the Dominion. There he married Catherine McNaughton, who was born in the town of London, Ontario, and for some years thereafter made his home in that city, or until the spring of 1865, when he moved with his family to Michigan and settled in Genesee county. It was on April 19, 1865, that Alexander Carmichael and his family arrived in this county and he lost little time in getting located on a farm in Clayton township, where he established his home. Starting with one hundred and sixty acres in section 5 of Clayton township, he gradually increased his land holdings, as he prospered in his operations, until he became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of fine land and was accounted one of the most substantial citizens of that part of the county. He and his wife were earnest members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eleven of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: Mary, widow of George Burleson and the owner of much valuable real estate in Flint; Nancy, wife of James Ottaway, of Detroit; Rev. John Carmichael, D. D., now deceased, who was a minister of high standing in the Presbyterian church in Canada; Elizabeth, deceased; Malcolm W., a well-known farmer of Clayton township, this county; Albert and Edmund, who are engaged in the live stock business at Swartz Creek, this county; Lawrence, a college graduate, who held a life certificate as a teacher in the West; Mina, wife of Bert Harris, of Swartz Creek, and Maude, deceased.

Robert Carmichael was reared on the home farm in Clayton township and received his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, supplementing the same by a course in the high school at Flint, in the meantime continuing his labors on the home farm and has always been a farmer, though laterly his chief attention has been given to the live-stock line, he and his brothers at Swartz Creek, under the firm name of Carmichael Brothers, doing a large business in that line as shippers, besides which they give much attention to the breeding of high-grade Herefords on their broad acres in Clayton township. Mr. Carmichael is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for public office.

On December 31, 1912, Robert Carmichael was united in marriage to Grace Brooks, who also was born in this county, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Alexander B., born on October 28, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael are members of the Presbyterian church and take an earnest interest in the general beneficences of the same, as well as in all the local good works, and likewise take a proper interest in the general social activities of their home community.

WILLIAM BROOKS.

William Brooks, justice of the peace in and for Argentine township this county, an honored veteran of the Civil War and one of the best-known farmers of that township, proprietor of "Maple Grove Farm," a well-kept place of eighty acres in section 11, four and one-half miles northwest of Linden on rural route No. 2, out of Gaines, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Argentine township, November 7, 1841, son of David and Abigail (Shippy) Brooks, both natives of the state of New York, who were married in Oakland county, this state, later coming to Genesee county, where their last days were spent.

David Brooks was born in Genesee county, New York, in 1808. His father, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, was killed in the battle of Queenstown Heights. When a young man David Brooks came from New York to Michigan and settled in Oakland county, where he married Abigail Shippy, who also had been born in the state of New York and had come to Michigan with her parents, the family settling in Oakland county. After his marriage David Brooks established his home on a farm in Oakland county, but in 1837 sold that farm and moved over into Genesee county,

entering a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in section 11 of Argentine township, the farm on which his son, William Brooks, the subject of this sketch now lives, and there he established his permanent home in the forest wilderness, the second settler in that township, the only other settler there at that time having been James Murray. David Brooks cleared and improved that farm and there he spent the rest of his life, living to the age of seventy-two years, his death occurring in November, 1880. He was a Democrat and ever took an active and influential part in the political affairs of the county. Three of his sons, James, Edward and William Brooks, served as soldiers of the Union army during the Civil War and Edward Brooks was killed at the battle of Coosa River, South Carolina, January 1, 1862.

William Brooks grew to manhood on the old homestead farm in Argentine township and remained there, a valuable assistant in the labors of developing and improving the same, until the spring of 1865, when he enlisted for the term of one year, or during the continuance of the Civil War, and served with his command until it was mustered out eight months later. Upon the conclusion of his military service, Mr. Brooks returned to the home farm and has ever since lived there, thus having been a continuous resident of the one place all his life. He established his home there after his marriage in 1874 and he and his wife are thus included among the oldest continuous residents of that community. They have a very pleasant home and for many years have been looked on as among the leaders in the general life of their neighborhood. Mr. Brooks is a Democrat and has ever taken a warm interest in local political affairs, at present and for years past serving as justice of the peace in and for Argentine township.

It was on July 3, 1874, that William Brooks was united in marriage to Alice Chase, who was born in that same neighborhood, daughter of one of the first families that settled thereabout, and to this union four children have been born, namely: William, who was a soldier in the United States regular army during the Spanish-American War and who was killed at the battle of El Caney, Cuba, July 1, 1898; Myrtle, who was graduated from the high school at Linden, married Arthur Wright and has four children; Mina, a graduate of the same school, who married Allie Baird, and Grace, who also was graduated from the Linden high school, and who married R. S. Carmichael, of Clayton township. Mr. Brooks is a member of the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Linden and is a past noble grand of the same, for many years having taken a warm interest in the affairs of the lodge.

GEORGE FROST PUTNAM.

George Frost Putnam, well-known dealer in automobiles at Goodrich, this county, and the owner of a fine farm of three hundred acres in the vicinity of that flourishing village, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here the better part of his life. He was born at Goodrich, April 6, 1871, son of William Henry and Rhoda A. (Frost) Putnam, both born in that same vicinity, members of old and prominent pioneer families thereabout and both of whom spent their last days at Goodrich.

William Henry Putnam was born in Groveland township, in the neighboring county of Oakland, June 21, 1840, son of William Henry and Mary Jane (Sawyer) Putnam, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Massachusetts, who settled at Goodrich about 1850 and at once became leaders in the community life of that part of the county. The Putnam family in this county is of the same stock as that from which Gen. Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame, sprang and members of that large and notable family have achieved distinction in various walks of life and in various parts of this country. The founder of the family in America was John Putnam, who settled in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1634. John Putnam had three sons, Thomas, Nathaniel and John. Gen. Israel Putnam was the great-grandson of Thomas, the eldest of these sons, and the Putnam family in this county is descended from John, the youngest of the three sons, who had a son John, whose son, Caleb, was the father of Moses Putnam, father of Peter and others. Peter was the father of Caleb and others, this last-named Caleb being the father of William Henry Putnam, father of William Henry Putnam, Jr., father of the subject of this sketch. This last-named Caleb Putnam was born in 1766 and his son, William H. Putnam, Sr., was born at Rome, New York, April 14, 1808; married, at Pembroke, New York, May 9, 1829, Mary Jane Sawyer, born at Dracut, Massachusetts, November 3, 1811, and in 1836, back in territorial days, came with his family to Michigan and settled in Groveland township, Oakland county, where he lived until 1850, in which year he moved with his family over into Genesee county and settled at Goodrich, where he engaged in the drug and general merchandise business and where he spent the rest of his life. The senior William H. Putnam also possessed considerable knowledge of law and practiced law quite a bit thereabout during the early days. For many years he was retained in the office of justice of the peace in and for Atlas township and was affectionately known throughout that whole region as "Squire Put." He was appointed postmaster and for years also held



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. PUTNAM.



that office. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge at Goodrich and was a past master of that lodge. About the time of the close of the Civil War he sold his store to his son, William H. Putnam, Jr., and retired from business, continuing, however, to make his home at Goodrich, where he died on November 20, 1878. His widow survived him for more than ten years, her death occurring at Flint on July 6, 1889.

The junior William H. Putnam grew to manhood in the village of Goodrich, receiving his schooling in the schools of that village and at the academy at Clarkston. From the days of his boyhood he was a valuable assistant to his father in the work of conducting the store there and in looking after the affairs of the postoffice. On June 2, 1864, he married Rhoda Ann Frost, who was born on a pioneer farm in the vicinity of Goodrich, daughter of Jonathan and Olive (Cobb) Frost, who were among the most prominent of the early families of that section of the county, a history of which family is set out in a biographical sketch of Mrs. Emily Goodrich, a sister of the late Mrs. Putnam, presented elsewhere in this volume. Not long after his marriage, William H. Putnam, Jr., succeeded his father in the management of the Putnam store at Goodrich and continued thus engaged until he sold the store and retired from business about the year 1890. He also was active in civic affairs thereabout and for years was one of the leaders in all community movements. For a number of terms he served as township supervisor, for many years was justice of the peace, as his father had been, and also served for some years as postmaster, as had his father. He was a public-spirited and progressive citizen and when the movement to construct the trolley line from Flint to Detroit was inaugurated was one of the leaders in that work in his section of the county. He had held most of the township offices, at one time and another, and was for years a valued member of the school board. He was a life-long Democrat and was a charter member of the Order of the Loyal Guard and of the Knights of the Macca-bees at Goodrich, taking a warm interest in the affairs of these organizations. William H. Putnam, Jr., died at his home in Goodrich in June, 1905. His wife had preceded him to the grave a little less than four years, her death having occurred on October 21, 1901. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Mary S., who married Nelson A. Strong and lives at Eaton Rapids, this state; Olive Grace, who died on October 1, 1881, when three years of age, and William Jonathan Putnam, born on July 21, 1884, postmaster at Goodrich and a well-known merchant of that place, the

third of the family in successive generations to be in business at Goodrich and to hold the office of postmaster there.

George F. Putnam spent his boyhood in his native village and upon completing the course in the Goodrich schools went to Chicago, at the age of eighteen years, and took a course in watchmaking, going from there to Edwardsville, Illinois, then to Buffalo, New York, where he worked a year. Returning to Michigan, he located at Eaton Rapids, where he engaged in the jewelry and watch-making business, also dealing in wall paper and books. He was in business there for nearly nine years, during which period, in the fall of 1897, he married. Not long after his marriage Mr. Putnam sold his store at Eaton Rapids and for about five years thereafter was engaged in the establishment of Wright, King & Company, jewelers, at Detroit. He then returned to Genesee county and for two or three years thereafter was employed in the jewelry business and in the manufacture of steel tape. In 1905 Mr. Putnam returned to Goodrich, the home of his boyhood, and has ever since made his home there. In 1914 he formed a partnership with William Yerke in the automobile business at Goodrich and has since then been thus engaged. The firm acts as local agents for two popular makes of automobiles and has a well-conducted garage and service station at Goodrich. In addition to his business interests, Mr. Putnam is the owner of a fine farm of three hundred acres east of Goodrich, a part of which is a portion of the old Frost homestead tract, entered from the government by his Grandfather Frost and which has been in the family's possession ever since. Mr. Putnam is a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Goodrich and takes an active interest in the general business life of the community. He is a Democrat and takes a good citizen's interest in local politics, but has not been included in the office-seeking class.

On November 10, 1897, at Eaton Rapids, George F. Putnam was united in marriage to Ida M. Springer, who was born at that place, a daughter of Oliver H. P. and Electa (Boardman) Springer, natives of Huron county, Ohio, who were married at Eaton Rapids, where for years Mr. Springer was engaged in the lumber business and also owned an ax factory. He died on May 24, 1895, and his widow now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Putnam. Oliver H. P. Springer was an honored veteran of the Civil War, having served for about four years, or until the close of the war, as a member of Company A, One Hundred and First Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. During his service one of his thumbs was shot off and he was taken prisoner by the enemy, but was later retaken by Union troops. He received his honorable discharge in September, 1865, and the next year

came to Michigan, locating at Eaton Rapids, where he was engaged in lumbering and in the manufacture of edged tools the rest of his active life. Ida M. Springer was reared at Eaton Rapids, receiving her schooling in the high school there and in a business college at Toledo, Ohio, and remained at home until her marriage to Mr. Putnam in 1897. To that union two daughters have been born, Grace Electa and Jennie Louise. Mrs. Putnam is a member of the Baptist church.

MALCOLM W. CARMICHAEL.

Malcolm W. Carmichael, a well-known and substantial farmer of Clayton township, this county, former treasurer of that township and the proprietor of "Clover Leaf Farm," a well-kept and profitably operated place of one hundred acres in section 23 Clayton township, eight miles west of Flint, on the Corunna road, rural route No. 5, out of Flint is a native of the Dominion of Canada, but has lived in Genesee county since he was fifteen years old and has consequently been a witness to and a participant in the development that has marked this part of the state within the past half century. He was born in the city of London, Ontario, April 20, 1853, son of Alexander and Catherine (McNaughton) Carmichael, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Canada, who later came to Michigan and settled in Genesee county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Alexander Carmichael was born in 1819 and was but two years old when his parents emigrated from Scotland to Canada, where he grew to manhood and married, making his home in London until 1866, when he came to Michigan with his family and settled in Clayton township, this county, where he spent the rest of his life. Upon coming here he rented a farm, but in 1869 bought a tract in section 14 on which he established his permanent home, clearing and improving his farm and becoming a substantial farmer. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch, who was the third in order of birth, being as follows: Mary, wife of George Burlison, of Flint; Nancy, wife of James Ottaway, of Detroit; Albert, of Swartz City, this county; Edmund, also of Swartz Creek; Mina, wife of Bert Harris, also of Swartz Creek, and Robert, a farmer of Clayton township.

As noted above, Malcolm W. Carmichael was about fifteen years of age when he came to this county from Canada with his parents and he grew

to manhood on the home farm in Clayton township, completing his schooling in the district schools of that neighborhood. As a young man he began working in the lumber woods hereabout and presently bought a tract of eighty acres in section 23 of his home township, which he proceeded to clear and drain and otherwise improve. He later added an adjoining tract of twenty acres and now has a fine farm of one hundred acres, "Clover Leaf Farm" being regarded as one of the model farms in that part of the county. Mr. Carmichael is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, for some time having been treasurer of the township.

Mr. Carmichael has been twice married. His first wife, who was Martha Goodes, died in 1883, leaving one son, William M. Carmichael, born on January 6, 1880, who received his schooling in the Fenton high school and is now operating a cattle ranch in Arizona. On March 17, 1886, Mr. Carmichael married Harriet Bartlett, who was born in Nova Scotia, February 9, 1860, and who was about thirteen years old when her parents came to Michigan and settled in Flint, where she grew to womanhood and where she was living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Carmichael. To this union two children have been born, Maude, born on June 2, 1888, who was graduated from Bliss Business College at Flint and is living at home with her parents, and Donald H., November, 1889, who also was graduated from the Bliss Business College. He married Gladys Houghton and is making his home on the old home farm, a valuable assistant to his father in the active management of the same. The Carmichaels have a very pleasant home at "Clover Leaf Farm" and take a proper interest in the general social activities of their home community.

WILLIAM H. SHAW.

William H. Shaw, a well-known and substantial farmer of Clayton township, this county, former overseer of highways of that township and proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in sections 31 and 32, two and one-half miles southeast of Lenmon, is a native of England, but has been a resident of Michigan since he was six years of age and has therefore been a witness to and a participant in the wonderful development that has marked this region during the past half century and more. He was born on March 29, 1847, son of Charles and Mary A. (Grant) Shaw, both

natives of England, who left their native land in 1853 and came to the United States, locating in Courtland county, New York, where they lived for two years, at the end of which time they came to Michigan and settled on a farm near Birmingham, in Oakland county, where they made their home until 1876, when they moved over into Genesee county, where they spent the rest of their lives. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Clio and took an active part in church affairs. To them ten children were born, of whom eight are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Joseph, of Emily City; Robert, of Clio; Lucy, wife of Mert Fairbanks, of Mt. Morris; Libbie, wife of John Beardsley, of Clio; Albert, of Clio; Fannie, widow of William Walters of Saginaw, and Lillie, wife of Victor Sheppard, of Alma. Those deceased are Thomas, and Etta, who was the wife of Dayton Hurd, of Clio.

William H. Shaw was six years old when he came with his parents from England to the United States and was about eight years old when they came from New York state to Michigan. He received his schooling in the Bloomfield Center school in Oakland county and was reared on the home farm in that neighborhood. He early began working on his own account, working on farms and in the lumber woods and after his marriage came to Genesee county. For twenty years thereafter he made his home at Flint, engaged in various forms of occupation, living there until 1891, when he settled on the farm in Clayton township, where he now lives. During his residence in Flint Mr. Shaw was for some time engaged in the livery business and in the sale of agricultural implements and threshing-machine outfits. He brought the first steam threshing-machine to this county and in one year sold one hundred and ten threshing outfits, his traveling connection with the New Burdsall Company, of Albany, New York, continuing for more than twenty years. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Shaw has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done very well. His farm is well improved and he is regarded as one of the progressive farmers of his neighborhood. In his political views he is a Democrat and has served his township in the capacity of overseer of highways. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

On August 11, 1867, in Oakland county, William H. Shaw was united in marriage to Martha Bellis, who was born on December 19, 1847, daughter of John and Sarah (Jones) Bellis, natives of New Jersey, who came to this state at an early day in the settlement of this region and settled on a farm in the Clarkson neighborhood in Oakland county, becoming influential

pioneers of that section. Mrs. Shaw is a sister of Professor Bellis, of Mt. Pleasant. John Bellis and wife were the parents of thirteen children, Henry, John, Amos, George, Matilda, Francis, Hannah, Sarah, Martha and four who died young. To Mr. and Mrs. Shaw five children have been born, namely: Sarah A. deceased; Nettie E., deceased; Charles J., a graduate of the Flint high school, now the state manager for Michigan for the Sterling Manufacturing Company, of Sterling, Illinois, who married Effie Whitmore and has three children, William F., Hobart and Vesta M.; Ida, wife of C. A. Crippen, of Lansing, and Nellie, who married C. B. Smith and has two children, Velma and Martha. The Shaws have a very pleasant home and take a proper interest in all measures having to do with the advancement of the best interests of their home community.

JOHN E. KOUNTZ.

John E. Kountz, a well-known and substantial farmer of Clayton township, this county, township treasurer and proprietor of a well-kept farm of ninety acres one mile north of Swartz Creek, on rural route No. 8, out of Flint, is a native of Maryland, but has lived in Genesee county since the year 1888. He was born on September 22, 1860, son of Silas and Nancy (Stouffer) Kountz, the former of whom was a son of Henry Kountz, also a native of Maryland, and the latter a daughter of Abraham and Susanna (Fahrney) Stouffer, natives of Pennsylvania, but whose last days were spent in Maryland. Silas Kountz was a tailor by trade and both he and his wife spent their last days in that state. During the Civil War he served as a soldier for two years. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom four are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: William H., of Chicago; D. S., of Philadelphia, and Della, wife of John Gaylor, of Boonsboro, Maryland.

When he was sixteen years old John E. Kountz left his home in Maryland and went to Pittsburgh, where he worked for the Pullman Company for four years, at the end of which time he went to Chicago and was there for two years employed in the plant of the Woodruff Sleeping Car Company. He then entered the employ of the Grand Trunk Railroad and was for a time located at Flint, shortly afterward beginning work as a farm laborer in this county and has been farming ever since. For ten years he was employed as a farm laborer, but found that he was unable to save any

money and when he was married in the spring of 1893 he had but twenty dollars. After his marriage he rented a farm and established his home, continuing as a renter until 1913, when he bought the farm on which he is now living and where he and his family have made their home ever since, and where they are very pleasantly situated. Mr. Kountz is a Democrat and is at present serving the public in the capacity of treasurer of his home township.

It was on April 25, 1893, that John E. Kountz was united in marriage to Nora Remington, who was born in this county on April 29, 1874, daughter of Loomis Remington, who was a son of Eli Remington, a native of New York state. Loomis Remington married Artemesia Hempstead and to that union four children were born, of whom three are still living, Mrs. Kountz having a brother, Fred Remington, of Clayton township, this county, and a sister, Wealthy, who married George Parker. To Mr. and Mrs. Kountz two children have been born, Claude A., who was graduated from the Swartz Creek grade schools and from the Flint high school and is now employed in the postoffice at Flint, and Theresa B., who is at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Kountz are members of the Grange and of the Ancient Order of Gleaners and take a warm interest in the affairs of the same, as well as in the general social affairs of the community in which they live.

WILLIAM T. McALLISTER.

William T. McAllister, the owner and proprietor of the "Elm Grove Farm", in Flint township, was born in Oakland county, Michigan, on June 22, 1876, a son of William and Eliza (Comden) McAllister, the former of whom was born in Canada on June 4, 1839, while the latter was a native of England, born on April 2, 1853. She was but two years of age when she came to the United States with her parents who located near Pontiac, this state. There she grew to womanhood and later married. After their marriage William McAllister and wife lived for a time in Oakland county after which they located in Montcalm county, near Stanton, where they spent the rest of their lives, Mr. McAllister's death occurring in 1912. William McAllister and wife were the parents of five children: Ella, the wife of Charles Anderson of Enid, Montana; Albert E., of Montcalm county, this state; Marrian G., wife of Elroy Tellotson, of Eagle; Lewis, of Lansing, and William T., the subject of this sketch.

William T. McAllister was reared on his father's farm in Montcalm county and attended the district school in the winter, working on the farm in the summer. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age, when he was married to Mattie L. Morrish, March 6, 1901. Mrs. McAllister was born on the farm where she now lives, September 21, 1874, the daughter of Richard and Adelia (Herrick) Morrish. The mother, Adelia Herrick, was the daughter of Rev. Lawson Herrick. The father, Richard Morrish, was born in England in 1839 and died on October 14, 1915. Mrs. Herrick was born in Michigan in May, 1848, and died on March 7, 1908. Richard Morrish and wife were the parents of four girls: Minnie, the wife of H. S. Pease, of Denver, Colorado; Rose, the wife of Ephraim Judson, of Durand, Michigan; Cora, wife of A. C. Meddanugh, of Denver, Colorado, and Mattie, the wife of William T. McAllister. Mattie Morrish McAllister was reared on the farm and was educated in the district schools. She lived with and cared for her parents until their death.

Mr. and Mrs. McAllister are the parents of two children, Mabel A., born on June 11, 1903, and Ford M., August 19, 1908. They are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. McAllister being a member of the official board. He is a Republican in politics and treasurer of the school district.

JOE FROST.

Joe Frost, a well-known and substantial farmer of Clayton township, this county, proprietor of the old Rosebine Chopping farm on the Duffield road in sections 7 and 8 of that township, so called in honor of its original owner, one of the earliest settlers of that part of the county, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of this country since he was twenty-two years of age. He was born at Mecklenburg Schwerin, on May 17, 1862, son of Charles and Sophia (Benear) Frost. He received his education in his native land and there learned the trade of blacksmith, working at the same there, as a journeyman, until he was twenty-two years old, when he came to the United States, landing at the port of New York. Not long afterward he came to Michigan and settled in Venice township, Shiawassee county, where he began working on a farm and where he presently married. After living four years in Shiawassee county he came over into Genesee county, locating in Clayton township, where he worked on a farm for about



JOE FROST AND FAMILY.

three years, at the end of which time he bought a forty-acre farm of his own in that township and there made his home for six or seven years. He then sold that place and bought the "eighty" on which he is now living in section 8 of that same township. That was in 1900 and he later bought a "forty" in section 7, across the road from his home, and as he prospered in his farming operations later bought the adjoining forty acres, thus securing a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has brought to an excellent state of development. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Frost has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done very well. He is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Evangelical church, in the various beneficences of which they take a warm interest.

Mrs. Frost before her marriage was Sophia Brandenberger. She was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Edward and Sophia (Herring) Brandenberger, the former a native of that same county and the latter of Germany. These parents were married in Pennsylvania and when their daughter, Sophia, was nine months old, came to Michigan, settling in the neighborhood of Corunna, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, where they spent the rest of their lives and where Sophia Brandenberger was living when she married Mr. Frost. To that union six children have been born, all of whom are living, namely: William, who was born on September 24, 1893; Edith, October 9, 1896; Ella, March 1, 1899; Louie, January 7, 1901; Minnie, January 13, 1903, and John, July 17, 1906. In 1913 Mr. Frost made a trip to Germany and spent two months in that country.

SAMUEL MORRISH.

Samuel Morrish, the proprietor of "Forest Lawn Farm" near Flint, is a native of England, where he was born on February 9, 1849, the son of Richard and Mary (Crelock) Morrish, both natives of that country, where they were married, after which they came to the United States in 1850, locating in Flint township, this county, where they purchased one hundred acres of land. The farm was later increased to five hundred and ten acres. Richard Morrish was not only a good farmer, but a successful stock dealer, and was quite successful.

On coming to the United States, Richard Morrish took out his naturalization papers as soon as possible and during his life in this county took

much interest in politics. He voted for Stephen A. Douglas, but after that he cast his influence with the Republican party. Mr. Morrish died on May 9, 1873, and Mrs. Morrish in the fall of 1880. They were the parents of nine children, four of whom are living: Sarah, the widow of Byron Hewett; George, a farmer in Flint township; Priscilla, the widow of Monroe Winget and Samuel, the subject of this sketch.

Samuel Morrish was but little past a year old when he came to the United States with his parents. He was reared on his father's farm in Flint township and attended the district school. He has read law and is well versed in the same. After leaving school he farmed his father's farm for some time, after which he went West, but soon returned to this county, where he engaged in farming.

Samuel Morrish was united in marriage to Ellen J. Kellicut and to that union two children were born, Fred R. and Grace, the former of whom died at the age of thirteen years. The mother of these children died and on July 1, 1886, Mr. Morrish married Louise Sells, who was born in Canada on July 14, 1857, the daughter of Abraham and Mary A. (Sharon) Sells. To this union one child has been born, a son, Dr. R. S. Morrish, a physician and surgeon, of Flint, a graduate of the medical department of the University of Michigan.

FRED D. ATHERTON.

Fred D. Atherton, a farmer of Burton township and the proprietor of the sixty-four-acre farm, three miles south of Flint, known as "Rural Home," was born in that township on April 8, 1857, son and only child of Gustavus and Sallie (Felkins) Atherton.

Gustavus Atherton was born in Henderson, Jefferson county, New York, on September 19, 1822, and died on June 27, 1895. He was the son of Perus Atherton, a native of Vermont, and one of the early settlers of Genesee county. In 1834 Perus Atherton entered government land in Burton township, where he lived until seventy-five years of age, when he and his wife moved to Flint, where Mrs. Atherton died, he dying some time later in Burton township. Mr. Atherton was one of the founders of the Baptist church in the vicinity of his home and was a deacon for thirty years. Perus Atherton and wife were the parents of four children, Gustavus, Shubeal, Lucretia and Emily, all of whom are deceased.

Fred D. Atherton was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools. In 1876 he married Georgie A. Wiltse, who was born at Peoria, Illinois, and to that union three children were born, Katie, the wife of Arthur Seely, of Grand Blanc; Winifred, wife of John Willett, of Davidson township, and Lucretia, the wife of Myron Taber, of Grand Rapids. The mother of these children died on July 16, 1907, and on November 23, 1908, Fred D. Atherton married Mrs. Rosena Crago, who was born on July 14, 1867, and who by her first marriage is the mother of one daughter, Dorothy, born on March 7, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Atherton are members of the Baptist church at Grand Blanc. He is a trustee of the society and was clerk of the church for ten years. They are active in all departments of the church work and take much interest in the success of the society. Mr. Atherton is a Republican and takes an active interest in the work of his party. He was justice of the peace for a time and for two years was township clerk. He is a prominent and influential citizen of the community in which he lives and takes much interest in all that tends to the betterment of the same. Mrs. Atherton is a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security.

J. FRED SCHRAM.

J. Fred Schram, a prominent farmer and the owner of the "Maple Lawn Farm", consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, five miles southeast of Flint, was born on the farm he now owns, on July 31, 1857, being the son of Henry and Caroline (Curtis) Schram, the latter of whom was a niece of Charles G. Finney, who was the second president of Oberlin College.

Henry and Caroline Schram were natives of the state of New York, he having been born in Jefferson county in 1815 and she in Adams county in 1814. Both grew to manhood and womanhood in their native state. They were married there in 1834 and in the fall of that same year came to Michigan, stopping at Flint, which at that time had nothing but a land office, a blacksmith shop and a bridge over the river. They had but two dollars and fifty cents and an ax, yet they had the determination to make a home. They walked to Pliny Skinner's and later took up a claim, built a log hut and moved in. By hard work and much economy they in time acquired two hundred and forty acres of land, the most of which Mr. Schram cleared and improved himself. He built the house that J. Fred Schram was born

in and now lives in, and it has the distinction of having been the home of three generations of the family. It was there that Henry Schram lived until the time of his death in 1888. His widow survived him until 1897. They were the parents of five children: Herbert, who is deceased; LaRue, a farmer of Burton township; Adelbert, who died in June, 1906; Cornelia, the wife of A. M. Kimball, and J. Fred, the subject of this sketch.

J. Fred Schram was born and reared on the farm where he now lives. He received his schooling in the district schools and spent two years at the high school at Flint. After leaving school he engaged in farming, having rented the home place. On February 23, 1881, he married Caroline Nesbitt, who was born in Flint township, on September 23, 1863, a daughter of Thomas and Aura (Hoag) Nesbitt, of that township, natives of the state of New York. She completed her schooling in the high school and lived on the farm with her parents until she was married.

J. Fred Schram and wife are the parents of five children: Claud H., who married Leah Pidd, of Flint, and has one child, a son, James H.; Clare F. M., a graduate of the medical department of Columbia College, who married Mazie Porter, of Sandusky, Ohio, and has two children, Jean C. and Hobart P.; Harold L., a graduate of the Business College of Oberlin, Ohio, who married Margaret Deming, and has one son, J. F., Jr., who was born in the same room in which his grandfather and father were born; Russell, who is at home, and Donald F., a student in the Flint high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Schram are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church at Flint, and are members of the Loyal Guards and of the Ancient Order of Gleaners.

CHARLES K. WARNER.

Charles K. Warner, a prominent and successful farmer and the owner of a one-hundred-and-forty-one-acre farm, known as the Hiller farm, and another eighty acres in Burton township, was born in Orleans county, New York, on February 25, 1856, the son of Calvin C. and Melissa C. (Wilder) Warner, both natives of the state of New York, having been born in the same township and attended the same school. After their marriage they came to Michigan, arriving at Flint in the fall of 1865. They located on one hundred and fifty-eight acres of land in section 5, Flint township, and there Mr. Warner lived until his death on February 11, 1896. Mrs. War-

ner is still living in Flint. She was born on December 14, 1829. Mr. and Mrs. Warner were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and for years Mr. Warner was an office bearer in the same.

Calvin C. Warner and wife were the parents of five children, two of whom are living, Dwight, a graduate of the law department of the University of Michigan and a practicing attorney of Lansing, who has served as a representative in the Legislature, and Charles K., the subject of this sketch.

Charles K. Warner was reared on the farm in Flint township and completed his schooling in the high school. Soon after leaving school he became engaged in farming and the raising of cattle. From 1895 to 1901 he lived in Flint, where he was chief of police and later became under-sheriff of the county. He later returned to the farm.

On February 12, 1878, Charles K. Warner was united in marriage to Jennie Hiller, who was born on the farm where she now lives, the eleventh child of John Hiller and wife, and to this union four children have been born, Calvin John, who died in infancy; Melissa, Cyrus and Lavira. Melissa Warner received her education in the Flint high school and the business college and married Ralph A. Crasper, to which union three children were born, Charles N., Ruth W. and Ralph A. Mr. Crasper, who was a railroad fireman, was killed while on duty. His widow later married Frank O. Robinson, of Burton township, and to this second union two children have been born, Frank W. and John L. Cyrus Warner attended the Flint high school and business college and is at home, assisting his father on the farm. Lavira Martin, a graduate of the Flint high school, is the wife of John Rutherford, of Flint, and has two sons, John and James.

Charles K. Warner is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Flint. He is a Republican and has served as highway commissioner. Besides his general farm work he conducts a dairy and keeps twenty cows. He is a successful business man and has the confidence and respect of the community in which he lives. Mrs. Warner has the deed that her father received from the government, signed by Martin Van Buren, then President. This farm is now the Warner homestead. Ten of the Hiller children were born there and all of the Warner family but two were born there and Melissa, the daughter, had two children born in the room where her mother was born and where her Grandmother Hiller died. The Rutherford children have two grandfathers, two grandmothers, three great-grandmothers and one great-grandfather.

JOHN J. COLES.

John J. Coles, a farmer and the owner of the "Gilkey Springs Farm," four miles east of Flint in Burton township, was born in Saginaw county, this state, June 16, 1858, the son of John and Martha (Lasier) Coles, the former a native of England and the latter of the state of New York. John Coles came to America with his parents when but a child and located with them in the state of New York, where he was educated in the district schools. He was married there to Martha Lasier, after which they came to Michigan, settling in Oakland county and later in Saginaw county, where he owned one hundred and sixty acres of land. He and Mrs. Coles were active members of the Methodist Protestant church and took much interest in both the church and Sunday school work. He died in 1870. She survived until 1881.

John Coles and wife were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living: William H., a retired farmer of Emmett county; Benjamin F., a farmer of Hillsdale county; Jesse, who is engaged in the grocery business at Bay City; Rachel, the wife of J. E. Miller, of Richfield township, this county; Fannie L., wife of Levi H. Roat, of Davison township; Elmer, of Tuscola county, and John J., the subject of this sketch.

John J. Coles lived on the farm in Saginaw county until fourteen years of age when he came with his mother to Genesee county in 1872. He remained at home until he was twenty years of age and until he was twenty-four he worked at various things. He purchased eighty acres of land several years before he was married and on September 17, 1881, he was married in Flint, by Elder Northrick, of the Presbyterian church, to Emily E. Roat, who was born in Burton township, this county, January 8, 1865, daughter of Levi and Elsie J. (Rump) Roat, natives of the state of New York, who came to Genesee county after they were married and settled on one hundred and sixty acres of wild land which they took from the government and which they developed and improved. They later increased their holdings to two hundred acres. Besides their active life on the farm they devoted much time to the work of the Presbyterian church, of which they were members. Mr. and Mrs. Roat were the parents of seven children: Jane M., wife of G. W. White, of Lapeer county; Levi, a farmer in Davison township; Dora, the wife of George Thomas, a retired farmer, of Flint; Estella, the wife of Willard Hill, a retired farmer, of Ithaca, Michigan;

Emily E., wife of Mr. Coles; John W., a farmer, of Burton township, and David, also a farmer.

To John J. and Emily E. (Roat) Coles eight children have been born, namely: Ernest J., who married Charlotte Brown, of Oakland county, and lives in this county; Ray L., who married Gertrude Young, of Flint; Bessie, who married Floyd Murphy; Grace W., wife of G. W. Riness; John E., who is farming in this county; Florence, the wife of Ralph Jacobs; Hazel, who is at home, and Lulu May, who died when nearly three years of age. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper interest in church work. Mr. Coles is a Republican, but is sufficiently independent in his political views for the man rather than for the party..

MARION DYE.

Marion Dye, a successful farmer of Flint township and the owner of "Grassmere Farm" of one hundred and fifteen acres, five miles west of Flint, was born on October 10, 1856, the son of Leonard and Eliza (Brockway) Dye.

Leonard Dye, a native of the state of New York, born on March 14, 1830, died at his home in Michigan on February 13, 1901. Mrs. Dye, a native of Madison county, Ohio, born on October 22, 1835, died on March 2, 1916. Both came with their respective parents to Michigan and were married at Flint on November 8, 1854. Soon after their marriage, they moved to the farm in section 20, Flint township, where Leonard Dye cut the first timber on the place. By diligence and hard work the farm was cleared and improved, and became known as one of the best in that locality. It was there Mr. and Mrs. Dye spent the remainder of their lives. They were members of the Free Methodist church, known as the Dye church, they having given the land for the location of the same and contributing more liberally for the building of this church and the support of the society. Leonard Dye and wife were the parents of four children, but two of whom are now living, William L. and Marion.

Marion Dye was reared on the home farm and attended the district school near by. On October 20, 1878, he was united in marriage to Jennie Link, who also was born in Flint township, February 4, 1861, daughter of Abraham and Pamela (Marshall) Link, the former of whom was born on December 11, 1835, in Flint township, where he has always made his home.

Mrs. Link is a native of England, where she was born on May 11, 1839. Abraham and Pamela (Marshall) Link, the former of whom was born on of four children: Jennie, wife of Mr. Link; Cora, the wife of Fred Brown; Henrietta, wife of Clarence Brockway, and Ruth, who died at the age of six years. Jennie Link was reared on the home farm and received her education in the district school, the same school attended by Marion Link. The two grew to manhood and womanhood in the same community and later married. In 1899 they removed to the farm where they now live. They are the parents of the following children: Fred, born on April 6, 1880, now deceased having been killed by the cars on the railroad at Plymouth, where he was working as a telegraph operator; Floyd, November 29, 1883, who was educated in the district schools, married Hattie Miller, and now lives at Detroit, and Frank M., January 13, 1887, who attended the Bliss Business College and the Ferris Institute, and now is located at Flint.

Mrs. Dye is a member of the Free Methodist church and has served as church treasurer. She has been an active member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for many years. Mr. Dye is a Democrat and has served the people in a number of the offices of the county, being elected by large majorities.

MRS. EMILY GOODRICH.

Among the residents of the southeastern part of Genesee county there is none better known, more highly respected or more definitely connected with the early history and development of Atlas township than is Mrs. Emily Goodrich, widow, who is now living in her comfortable home in the pleasant village of Goodrich, enjoying many evidences of the high esteem in which she is held throughout that whole community. A daughter of Jonathan Frost, who, in his day, was perhaps the strongest individual factor in the development of the interests of Atlas township, and by her marriage connected with the Goodrich family, which was equally prominent and forceful in the work of bringing about proper social and economic conditions in the formative period of that now well-established and prosperous community, she has lived to see wonderful changes in the methods of living since the days of her girlhood and has been a no inconsiderable factor in the work of effecting that marvelous change for the better. Emily Frost was born on a pioneer farm one and a half miles east of the present village of Goodrich, in Atlas township, this county, June 23, 1847, daughter of Jona-



NELSON AND EMILY (PROST) GOODRICH.

than and Olive (Cobb) Frost, and has lived in this county all her life. Jonathan Frost was born on a farm in South Bristol township, Ontario county, New York, December 25, 1817. His father died when he was quite young and his home thereafter was made with kinsfolk, presently being taken into the home of an uncle, Colonel Hawes, where he grew to manhood. His opportunities for securing an education were very limited and he started out in life with but slight equipment in the way of schooling, but possessed of strong hands, a willing heart and tireless energy. In 1836, being just past nineteen years of age, Jonathan Frost came to Michigan and bought from the government the northeast quarter of section 24, Atlas township, this county, later buying from his brother the east half of the northwest quarter of the same section. During the fall and winter of that year he remained in Atlas and then returned to New York, where he resumed his work on the farm and remained there until after his marriage to Olive Cobb, in May, 1839, when he and his bride entered upon the occupation of his wilderness farm in the forests of Atlas township. He erected a log house and there he and his wife established their home, thus being among the very earliest settlers in that part of Genesee county. Jonathan Frost set about clearing his place and in due time had a well-improved and profitably operated farm. As he prospered he added to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and ninety-three acres and was regarded as one of the most substantial citizens in that part of the country. He also dealt largely in real estate, invested in mills and in other ways made himself one of the most prominent and active factors in the development of the material interests of that section. Mr. Frost had grown up as a Democrat, but upon the organization of the Republican party, affiliated with that party and ever afterward was one of the leaders of the organization in this county. He also took an active and prominent part in church work, was one of the founders of the Methodist church at Atlas, of which he for many years was an officer, was active and influential in all neighborhood good works and at the time of his death, on April 14, 1873, left a good memory throughout that whole section.

Jonathan Frost was twice married. On May 30, 1839, he was united in marriage in his old home county in New York to Olive Cobb, who was born at Honeoye, Ontario county, New York, March 3, 1818, daughter of Jobe and Rhoda (Abbey) Cobb, and to that union five children were born, namely: Maryette, now deceased, who was the wife of Carleton Horton, of Atlas, this county; Rhoda A., also deceased, who was the wife of William

H. Putnam, Jr., of Goodrich, this county; Emory and Emily, twins, the former of whom died when fifteen months old and the latter of whom is the immediate subject of this biographical sketch, and Ephraim, deceased. The mother of these children died on December 16, 1852, and Jonathan Frost married, secondly, Mrs. Ann S. Hawes, a widow, born in Ontario county, New York, April 6, 1828, daughter of William and Prudence (Case) Paul, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Jennie, now deceased, who was the wife of Dr. J. B. Bradley, of Eaton Rapids.

Emily Frost was reared on the farm on which she was born, east of the village of Goodrich, received her schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and remained at home until her marriage, on December 29, 1870, to Joseph Goodrich, who was born on a farm two miles west of the village of Goodrich in 1840, son of Levi and Olive (Payne) Goodrich, pioneers and prominent residents of that part of the county. The Goodrich family early became one of the best-known and most influential families in Genesee county and the name is inseparably linked with the history of Atlas township and of the village of Goodrich. A more detailed account of the activities of this family in Genesee county is set out in a biographical sketch relating to William P. Goodrich and family, presented elsewhere in this volume, and the reader is respectfully referred to that sketch for further information in this connection. Levi Goodrich came to this county with his father's family in 1836, back in territorial days, and engaged in farming in Atlas township the rest of his life. His son, Joseph Goodrich, grew to manhood on his father's farm and after his marriage was given part of the latter, established his home there and continued farming until his death in June, 1876. He was an active participant in the civic affairs of his home community and for some time had served as treasurer of Atlas township. To Joseph and Emily (Frost) Goodrich was born one child, a son, Frank J. Goodrich, born on April 26, 1872, who was graduated from the normal school at Flint and has for years been a resident of that city.

On December 29, 1883, Mrs. Emily Goodrich married, second, Nelson Goodrich, who was born and reared on a farm two miles southwest of the village of Goodrich, son of Moses and Hannah (Anderson) Goodrich and a cousin of Joseph Goodrich. Nelson Goodrich also was twice married, his first wife, who was Emaline Swart, having died, leaving one child, a daughter, Mary, who married Merton Towne, of Fenton, this county. In 1899 Nelson Goodrich retired from the farm on which he had ever made his home, the old Moses Goodrich farm, rented the same, as Mrs. Goodrich had done for some time with her farm, and moved to the village of Goodrich,

where he spent his last days, his death occurring on February 5, 1910. Nelson Goodrich was a charter member of the Order of the Loyal Guards at Goodrich and was also a member of the local tent of the Knights of the Maccabees.

Mrs. Emily Goodrich continues to reside in her pleasant home at Goodrich. From the days of her girlhood she has been earnestly interested in the various social and cultural activities of that village and the community at large and still retains that interest. She is the only charter member now living in Goodrich of the Ladies Library Association, that founded the library at Goodrich in 1879, and is now the president of that association. She also was a charter member of the local tent of the Knights of the Maccabees and has ever taken an influential part in the affairs of that organization. Her son, Frank Goodrich, assumed the management of her farm, the old Joseph Goodrich farm of a quarter of a section, which Mrs. Goodrich still owns, after completing his schooling, and remained there until 1902, when he moved to Flint, where he since has made his home. Two years before moving from the farm, in 1900, he married Maud Revely, of Flint, and he and his wife have a very pleasant home in that city. Frank Goodrich is a Mason and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, taking a warm interest in the affairs of both of these organizations.

WILLIAM P. HYNES.

The farmers of this generation are learning that they must employ somewhat different methods in tilling the soil; learning, among other things, that continued cropping exposes the land to various weaknesses of the particular crop that is grown, and as no two crops exact the same proportion of plant food, the continually-grown crop is bound to lessen the available fertility of one or more of the available soil constituents. One of the careful farmers of Gaines township, is William P. Hynes, who was born there on March 2, 1878, a son of Terrence and Mary (O'Brien) Hynes, natives of Ireland and of Canada, respectively. They came to Michigan when young and were married here, establishing their home in Genesee county. Eight children were born to them, all still living save one, namely: Frank, who is engaged in farming; Anna, Ellen, Tressa, James, Bina, Joseph, a druggist in Detroit, and William P., the subject of this sketch.

William P. Hynes was reared on the home farm and attended the dis-

trict schools in Gaines township. He remained at home with his parents, and he and his brother, Frank, own the homestead, "Grand View Farm," which consists of two hundred acres, which they have kept well cultivated, and where they carry on general farming and stock raising, handling a good grade of live stock of all kinds.

Mr. Hynes is a Republican and has served as highway commissioner of Gaines township for the past four years, being still incumbent of that office, the duties of which he is faithfully performing. He was reared in the Catholic faith and is a member of the church of that denomination at Gaines village. He has remained unmarried.

CLEMENT H. BOOMER.

Clement H. Boomer, a prominent farmer of Genesee county and the proprietor of "Sunny Side Farm," consisting of eighty acres of well-improved and highly-cultivated land, was born in Flint township on May 24, 1867, son of Benjamin and Unity (Forton) Boomer, the former of whom was a native of the state of New York and the latter of London, England. The mother came to the United States when but six weeks of age, with her parents and settled in Burton township, this county, while the father came with his parents when but a boy and located in Flint township. After their marriage they located in Flint township, where Benjamin Boomer spent the rest of his life. His widow survived him and died on April 20, 1916, at the age of eighty years. They were the parents of three children, Florence, who is the wife of Elmer Gotshall, of this county; Clarence B., who married Flora Sheldon and lives in Flint township, and Clement H., the subject of this sketch.

Clement H. Boomer was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools. After the death of his father he lived with his mother until he was past twenty-one years of age. On April 17, 1895, he was united in marriage to Isabelle F. Henry, who also was born in this county, October 9, 1873, daughter of William and Catherine (Cotter) Henry, the former born in Toronto, Canada, and the latter at Belle River, Canada. After their marriage in Detroit the Henrys located in Otterburn, Michigan, where they lived for a number of years. Mrs. Henry died in September, 1894, and Mr. Henry died in May, 1904. William and Catherine Henry were the parents of six girls, four of whom are living. Isabelle was the

youngest of the family. She was educated in the district schools, the Flint high school and the normal and after finishing her schooling taught for a time.

After their marriage, Clement H. Boomer and wife moved at once to the farm where they now live. In 1903 a barn thirty-six by seventy feet was erected and Mr. Boomer also erected a sheep barn, fifty-four by seventy feet. Mr. Boomer being an extensive feeder of sheep, needs a modern and convenient barn. He feeds as many as seven hundred sheep at a time. In 1912 they built their modern residence, which is complete in every way, having a heating and water system, making it one of the finest in Flint township.

Mr. and Mrs. Boomer are the parents of three children, Harold, born on August 15, 1900, now in the high school at Flint; Ethel, August 11, 1903, who has completed her course in the common schools, and Lunetta E., March 22, 1907. Politically, Mr. Boomer is a Republican. He has served his township as treasurer and has served twenty years as director of the school district.

PETER HUGHES.

From the fair Emerald Isle have come to America many enterprising and courageous young men who have found in the free republic of the West peaceable homes, and they have always been welcome here, for, as a rule, they are most desirable citizens in every respect. Not so many are found in Genesee county as in other places, but among the number the name of Peter Hughes, a retired farmer of Otisville, is worthy of mention. He was born in Ireland, March 16, 1846. He is a son of Peter and Alice (Fox) Hughes, both born, reared and married in Ireland, but who later immigrated to the United States, locating in the state of New York, where they spent the rest of their lives, dying at early ages, he at thirty-two, and she at twenty-nine. They left a family of four children.

Peter Hughes was a small boy when he was left an orphan, and he was taken to Pennsylvania and put on a farm, where he worked five years. When the war between the states began in 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Sixty-ninth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, which formed a part of the famous Irish Brigade. Although but a boy he proved to be a courageous and efficient soldier and saw much hard service with the Army of the Potomac, fighting in many of the greatest battles of the war. After

-serving the term of his enlistment of three years and receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to Pennsylvania in 1864, and began working in a tannery at a salary of twenty-four dollars a month. He came to Michigan in 1873 and located on a farm in Forest township, this county, the place consisting of eighty acres, where he resided until 1913, when he retired from active life, moving into the village of Otisville, where he is spending his declining years quietly and comfortably.

Mr. Hughes married Mary A. Burns, a native of Ireland, and to this union three children have been born, John F., who is unmarried and lives at home; Catherine, wife of Thomas Hennessey, of Pontiac, Michigan, and James J., at home. Mr. Hughes is a Democrat, but has never been active in public affairs. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church.

ARTHUR PROSSER.

There are a great many people who would make a great deal more of their opportunities if they had the proper encouragement at the proper time. Although possessing excellent natural abilities Arthur Prosser, the present cashier of the Otisville State Bank, needed a stimulus to his ambition and talents when starting out on his career, which he fortunately received, and therefore has been successful. He was born in Livingston county, Michigan, July 4, 1877, and is a son of Frank and Ella (Joslin) Prosser. The father was born in the same vicinity as was the subject of this sketch, but the mother was a native of New York state. When a child her father brought her to Michigan, locating in the town of Brighton, Livingston county, where he conducted a photograph studio. Frank Prosser and wife were married in Livingston county and located on a farm there, on which their son Arthur was reared. The latter received his education in the public schools of Brighton and upon leaving school accepted a position in the bank at Brighton, in 1894. He was well suited for this work by nature, and he has continued in the banking business, during a period of twenty-two years. Being alert, faithful and ambitious he soon mastered the various phases of the banking business and on January 1, 1916, he located at Otisville, as cashier of the Otisville State Bank, of which he is a stockholder, and he is holding this position in a manner entirely acceptable to the other stockholders and patrons. The officers of the Otisville State Bank are as follow: C. D. Doan, president; Andrew Reese, first vice-president; James Waverill,

second vice-president; Arthur Prosser, cashier; directors, C. D. Doan, Andrew Reese, James W. Averill, Cleo D. Parker, George Coon, John C. Brandt and Charles Moon. The bank was organized on March 26, 1907, has a capital stock of twenty thousand dollars, and is doing a growing business.

On January 1, 1899, Arthur Prosser was married to Amy McClements, who was born at Brighton, Michigan, where she grew to womanhood and was educated. Mr. and Mrs. Prosser were neighbors and schoolmates. They have one child, a daughter, Agnes, born on September 7, 1906.

Mr. Prosser is a Republican and has served as township treasurer. He is a member of Brighton Lodge No. 247, Free and Accepted Masons, of Brighton Lodge No. 245, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he served as junior warden for some time; of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Royal Neighbors.

S. C. MONTGOMERY.

We of the present generation do not fully appreciate what the Union soldiers did for us. We should hold them in the highest respect and show them every honor for the hardships they endured, the dangers they faced, the sacrifices they made in order that the nation might live and that posterity might be enriched. One of the worthy veterans of the grand army that saved the flag a half century ago is S. C. Montgomery, a farmer of Argentine township, this county. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, April 23, 1844, and is a son of John and Matilda (Smith) Montgomery, who were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor.

S. C. Montgomery was twelve years old when his father died and he was thus thrown upon his own resources, therefore having little chance to obtain an education. When a boy he worked on a farm in Ohio during the summer time, attending the district schools in the winters until he was fourteen years old. On August 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Second Ohio Cavalry, with which he served in the West for eighteen months, then went East and served under General Burnside, remaining in the service in all three years and one month, being honorably discharged in September, 1864. He was in many important engagements, saw much hard service, and proved to be a good soldier.

After the war Mr. Montgomery returned to Ohio and on May 6, 1866, he came to this county, where he has since made his home. During this period of half a century he has played well his part as a citizen and has seen this region undergo great changes; in fact, redeemed from its wilderness state to its present high state of improvement. Mr. Montgomery purchased forty acres of timbered land in Argentine township when he first came here. This he cleared and planted to crops, fenced the fields and erected buildings. He worked hard and managed well and, adding to his original purchase from time to time, is now owner of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising. He has a comfortable dwelling and numerous substantial outbuildings.

On January 1, 1868, S. C. Montgomery was married to Ellen Barron, a native of this county, whose parents had settled here in early pioneer days. She is a daughter of John and Rosetta (Whitehead) Barron. To Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery two children have been born, Wade, who married Elsie Moran and makes his home with his parents, and Agnes, who was married, but now lives at home. Politically, Mr. Montgomery is a Republican, but has never been an office seeker. He has, however, held township office.

JAMES M. GREENFIELD.

James M. Greenfield was born in Detroit, Michigan, July 30, 1841, and is a son of John and Mary (Davenport) Greenfield. The father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1810, and the mother was born in Utica, New York. When a young man, John Greenfield came with his parents, Robert and Jeanette Greenfield, to the United States and settled in Flushing township, Genesee county, Michigan, where they continued to live until they died at advanced age.

John Greenfield first settled in Flat Rock, New York, where he was married. Afterward he came to Detroit, where he was engaged for some time as railroad engineer. In this capacity he ran one of the first trains out of Detroit on the Michigan Central railroad. In 1848 he went to Bruce Mines, at the head of Georgian bay, in Canada, and was there for two years in official capacity. He then went to Sault Ste. Marie and took a contract to build a plank road from Ontonagon to Greenland for a mining company.



James M. Greenfield

He and his partner owned part of the village of Ontonagon. He remained in this place until his death, which occurred on March 10, 1861, at the age of fifty-one years. During his residence in Ontonagon Mr. Greenfield was elected to public office at various times. He was elected on the Democratic ticket as representative in the Legislature from that county, in 1859, and was elected sheriff of the county in 1860. As a member of the Legislature he had to travel overland to the state capitol, that being before the day of railroads in the county. Mary (Davenport) Greenfield, mother of the subject, was born in Utica, New York. There were six children in this family, of whom James M., the subject, Charles and Elizabeth Sweet, of Ontonagon, are the only ones living. Those deceased are, George, William Adair and Walter.

James M. Greenfield spent his early years in Ontonagon, Michigan, and there received his education. On August 11, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Seventh Michigan Infantry, then being organized in Detroit, under Ira R. Grovenor as colonel. Mr. Greenfield went with his regiment to Washington, D. C., September 5, where the regiment remained for two weeks. The regiment then went to Maryland, where they had an engagement with the Confederates, October 4, at Poolesville; then to Harper's Ferry, campaigning in that section, at Berryville, Winchester, and other places, until the early part of 1862, then back to Washington, where they took a transport for Fortress Monroe. The Seventh Michigan Regiment was a part of the Army of the Potomac, commanded in the early part of the service by Gen. George B. McClellan. Under this command the regiment participated in the battle of Yorktown, the "on to Richmond" campaign, the battle of Fair Oaks and other engagements; then on to Harrison's Landing, to Newport News and back to Alexandria; from there the regiment was hurried to the relief of the forces engaged in the second battle of Bull Run. Then they crossed over into Maryland and participated in the battle of South Mountain, September 14, 1862, and the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862. The regiment returned to Harper's Ferry. In the battle of Fredricksburg, December 13, 1862, the regiment participated in the charge on Mary's Heights, volunteering to lay pontoons on the river for the army to cross and succeeded, although the attempt was regarded as a forlorn hope. This was on December 11, 1862. In this engagement Mr. Greenfield was severely wounded and was sent to the hospital in Washington. Having recovered from his disability, he returned to his regiment, then at Alexandria, in the spring of 1863. He participated with his regiment in the

battle of Mine Run. On September 19, 1863, he re-enlisted for three years, or during the war, and returned to his home in Michigan on furlough. Returning to his regiment at the expiration of his furlough, he was engaged in the battle of the Wilderness, May 31, 1864, in which he was again wounded and sent to the hospital in Washington. On account of his disability he was discharged, December 27, 1864, and came to Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained during that winter.

In April, 1865, Mr. Greenfield returned to his former home in Ontonagon, Michigan, where he engaged in the sale of jewelry and Indian relics. He also sailed on boats on Lake Superior for several years and was engaged with Upton & Williams in construction work for some time. In 1872 he went to Buffalo, New York, where he secured a tug and then went to Duluth where he was engaged as superintendent in the work of dredging the harbor at that place. They suffered shipwreck on this trip. Later he was in charge of the lighthouse at that place in 1873 and 1874. He then decided to settle down, and, having married, came to Flushing in 1875 and engaged in farming. He continued in this business until 1885, when he went to Lansing to take a position in the state land department. In 1890 he returned to Flushing, where he remained for two years. Again, in 1893, he took a position in the state land office and continued for some time. Then he came back to Flushing and retired from active work, continuing to make this his home.

Mr. Greenfield's political affiliations are with the Republican party. He is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has served as department commander of that order in Michigan. By virtue of this office he is a member of the national encampment of the Grand Army and is a frequent attendant at the national meetings of the order. He is also a past officer of the state Grand Army Association. He is prominently identified with the various branches of the Masonic order: The blue lodge and chapter at Flushing; the commandery of Knights Templar at Flint; the consistory of the Scottish Rite at Detroit, and the Shrine at Grand Rapids.

Mr. Greenfield was married, October 10, 1874, to Caroline Packard, who was born in 1850, in Flushing, where she was reared and educated. There were five children born to this union: Mary Elizabeth, born April 16, 1876, died December 27, 1898; Millie, born April 17, 1878, died April 16, 1896; Carrie, born August 29, 1879, died July 29, 1897; Sadie, born September 19, 1885, living at Flushing, Michigan; James B., born May 13, 1890, a bank examiner, living in Flushing. Mr. Greenfield is a stockholder and director in the First State and Savings Bank, in Flushing.

DANIEL BROWN.

Continuous residents of Genesee county since the year 1854, in which year they came here from the neighboring county of Oakland, Daniel Brown and his wife, prominent and well-known residents of Gaines township, are living, in the year of the publication of this volume (1916), in the sixty-seventh year of their married life, thus creating a record for continuous marital companionship in this county and perhaps in the entire state of Michigan. Mr. Brown, who now is living in the eighty-eighth year of his life, also holds the record for length of tenure in public service in Genesee county, having held, at one time and another, every township office in Gaines township, save that of supervisor, and for nearly fifty years the important office of justice of the peace in and for that township. Residents of Gaines township since 1854, Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been continuous residents of the farm on which they are still living since 1863 and have for many years held a very firm place in the affections of the people throughout that entire part of the county.

Daniel Brown was born in Monroe county, New York, August 28, 1828, son of Daniel and Margaret (Kennedy) Brown, both natives of that same state, the latter of Scottish parentage, her parents, Robert Kennedy and wife, having come to this country from Scotland. Last-born of the seven children born to his parents, Mr. Brown is now the sole survivor of that family. Left an orphan at the age of five years, he was reared by his uncle, James Kennedy, until he was about ten years of age, after which he made his home with his eldest brother until he was sixteen years of age, when he struck out for himself and came to Michigan, locating in the southern part of Oakland county, where, on March 4, 1850, when he was twenty-one years of age, he was united in marriage to Sarah E. Gage, also a native of the state of New York, born on October 31, 1830, who had come to Michigan at the age of seven years with her widowed mother, her father having died in 1832. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brown lived on a farm in Oakland county for a year and then moved onto a farm owned by Mrs. Brown in Barry county, where they lived for two years, at the end of which time, in 1854, they sold that farm and came to Genesee county, locating in Gaines township, where they have made their home ever since. In 1863 they moved onto the farm in section 7, where they now live, and have ever since been continuous residents there, having a very pleasant home on their well-kept place of two hundred acres, one and one-half miles from

the village of Duffield. Mr. Brown is a Republican and ever since becoming a resident of this county has taken an active part in local political affairs. For nearly fifty years he served his home township as justice of the peace and has held every other township office save that of supervisor, thus holding the record for length of tenure in the public service in Genesee county. He also is a member of the Grange and was for many years actively interested in the affairs of that useful organization.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brown four children have been born, namely: William, who was graduated from the Flint high school and for many years has been a successful traveling salesman; Harriet, who married E. J. Post and is living on the old home farm; Carrie, a graduate of the Flint high school, now deceased, and Malinda, wife of E. H. Gilmore, of Vernon township. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church and for many years active in the work of the same, Mr. Brown being a steward and a member of the board of trustees of the church.

JAMES W. AVERILL.

The large success which has crowned the life work of James W. Averill, a retired farmer and banker of Otisville, this county, and an honored veteran of the Civil War, has been well deserved in every respect, for he has worked his own way up from an environment none too auspicious, and has been a man of high ideals and exemplary character. He was born at Orange, Vermont, July 7, 1841, a son of Weston H. and Mercy M. (Wilson) Averill, both natives of New Hampshire, in which latter state they were married, soon afterward locating in Vermont. James W. Averill was an infant when his parents settled in the town of Barre, and there he spent his boyhood and was educated. He is a twin brother of John W. Averill, who served in the Union army during the Civil War, in the same company and regiment with the subject of this sketch. There were two other children in this family, Lorteta L., who married George Bradford, and David M., who was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War and was killed at the battle of Franklin, Tennessee.

James W. Averill enlisted in December, 1863, in Company E, Eighth Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to the far South, his regiment forming a part of the Army of the Gulf, and he took part in

a number of engagements. He was sent to Washington, D. C., July 5, 1864. He lost his right leg at the battle of Opequon Creek, Virginia. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and returned to Vermont, where for a time he was employed as a clerk in the postoffice and in a dry goods store.

On March 4, 1867, James W. Averill was married to Emma S. Trow, who also was born in Vermont. In May, 1867, they came to Michigan and located on a farm in Forest township, this county, and there Mr. Averill presently became the owner of two hundred and fifty acres of valuable land. He engaged successfully in general farming until 1903, when he moved to Otisville, where he has since made his home. He was one of the organizers of the Otisville State Bank, of which he is a director and second vice-president. He is remembered by the government with a substantial pension.

To Mr. and Mrs. Averill, six children have been born, namely: May M., wife of Charles Barden, of Forest township; Weston H., also of Forest township, who married Susan Stinson; Nellie, wife of William Barden, of Thetford township; Bertha L., wife of Edgar Stinson, of Genesee township; Milton T., who died in infancy; Morton E., married Maude Taylor and lives in Forest township, and Gracie L., at home. The mother of these children was born on September 4, 1846, died on October 14, 1910. Mr. Averill has twenty-eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His daughter, Gracie L., who was born on September 23, 1885, keeps house for him. Mr. Averill is a Republican. He served his township as treasurer for a period of eleven years, longer than any other man.

THOMAS MARTIN.

Thomas Martin, a well-known and substantial farmer of Gaines township, this county, proprietor of the old Martin homestead two miles south of Swartz Creek, on the Morrish road, rural route No. 1, out of Swartz Creek, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on the farm on which he is now living, August 30, 1876, son of Patrick and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Martin, natives of Ireland, who were married after they came to this country and later became substantial residents of Genesee county.

Patrick Martin came to the United States when he was seventeen years

of age and for a year worked in New York City, later going into the coal mining region of Pennsylvania, where for about fifteen years he was engaged working in the mines. While there, in 1860, he married Elizabeth Cunningham, who also was born in Ireland and who had come to this country with her parents in the days of her girlhood. Some time after their marriage Patrick Martin and his wife came to Michigan and settled in Genesee county. He bought a farm of eighty acres in Gaines township, a portion of the farm now owned by his son, the subject of this sketch, and there he established his home. He was a good farmer and as he prospered in his farming operations added to his holdings until he became the owner of two hundred and sixty acres. There he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1906. He and his wife were members of the Catholic church, among the founders of the church of that denomination at Gaines, and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, all of whom are living and of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being as follow: James, of Howell, this state; Anna, wife of James Delaney; Patrick, a farmer of Clayton township; Margaret, wife of Thomas McGrail; Elizabeth, who for sixteen years was a teacher in the schools of Swartz Creek and is now teaching in California; Mary, also unmarried, who for some years was a school teacher and a stenographer and is now living on the old home farm, and John, a farmer of Gaines township.

Thomas Martin was reared on the old home farm in Gaines township, receiving his schooling in the Swartz Creek schools and supplemented the same by a course in the Fenton Normal School. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued assistant to his father in the work of developing and improving the home place and upon reaching manhood remained on the farm. At the time of his marriage in 1909 he established his home there and has continued to live there, being very well situated. He is the owner of two hundred acres of excellent land and has done very well in his farming operations. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of high-grade cattle and has done quite well in that line. He is a Democrat and has given close attention to the political affairs of the county, but has not been a seeker after office.

It was on October 27, 1909, that Thomas Martin was united in marriage to Margaret Ferguson, who was born in Genesee township, this county, May 26, 1885, and who was killed in a railway accident at Mt. Morris, this county, on September 27, 1915. To that union two children were born, one

who died in infancy and Mary E., born on April 16, 1912. Mr. Martin is a member of the Catholic church, taking a warm interest in parish affairs, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

ABNER M. JOHNSON.

Abner M. Johnson, a well-known and substantial farmer living on rural route No. 1, out of Flushing, this county, and proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Clayton township, is a native of the state of West Virginia, but has been a resident of Michigan since he was a boy. He was born on a farm in Tyler county, West Virginia, June 20, 1864, son of Charles D. and Mary A. (Johnston) Johnson, the former a native of that same county and the latter of the state of Pennsylvania, who were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being as follow. John, of East Liverpool, Ohio; Cordelia, deceased; William, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Margaret, wife of J. K. Grundy, of Flint, this county; Mary, deceased, and Ida, deceased. The mother of these children died in the East and Charles D. Johnson later married Rachael Lemley and in 1877 came to Michigan with his family and located at Osceola, whence, after some years he moved to Everet, Michigan, where he and his wife spent their last days. To the second marriage of Charles D. Johnson one son was born, Perley Johnson, of Detroit, a telegraph operator in the employ of the Pere Marquette Railroad.

Abner M. Johnson was about thirteen years old when he came to Michigan with his father and he was reared on a farm in the near vicinity of Osceola, where he remained until his marriage, when twenty-three years of age, in 1887, when he began farming for himself, continuing as a tenant farmer until 1906, when he bought a tract of forty acres in Clayton township, this county, later buying an "eighty" over the line in Venice township, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee. In 1912 he sold that place to advantage and bought the tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Clayton township on which he now lives and where he has lived ever since, he and his family being very pleasantly situated. Mr. Johnson is a progressive farmer and has done well in his operations. He is a Republican, but while giving a good citizen's attention to local political affairs has never been an aspirant for public office.

It was in 1887 that Abner M. Johnson was united in marriage to

Charlotte Grundy, of this county, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Harrison E., a graduate of the common schools, who married Lelah Bowden and is now engaged in farming; William, also a graduate, who married Nellie Cook and is engaged in farming; Mildred, who married Volney McNall and lives in Detroit, and Violet, who was born in 1906. The Johnsons take a proper interest in the various social activities of their home community and are useful in the work of promoting all good causes thereabout. Mr. Johnson is past noble grand of Rankin Lodge No. 139, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Michigan grand lodge of Odd Fellows, for many years having taken an active interest in Odd Fellowship. His wife is past noble grand of the local lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah and a member of the Mystic Workers, and their son, Harrison E. Johnson, is a past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

W. B. STILES.

Life is pleasant and satisfactory to W. B. Stiles, farmer and miller of Argentine, Genesee county, because he makes the most of it and lives honestly. He was born in Monroe county, New York, in the town of East Mendon, December 11, 1852. He is a son of Worden B. and Cornelia (Rumsey) Stiles, the latter a native of Bath, New York. These parents spent their earlier years in the Empire state and were married there. The father owned a large farm at Mendon, where his death occurred. His family consisted of eight children, only two of whom are living in 1916, W. B. and E. H., the latter an auctioneer living in Fenton, Michigan.

W. B. Stiles grew to manhood on the home farm in New York, where he worked when a boy, and there he received a common school education. He was seventeen years of age when he came with one of his brothers to Genesee county, Michigan, arriving in Gaines township, April 7, 1866. He worked by the month for his brother during two summers, attending school in the winter time. On October 14, 1875, he married Ella K. Whitney, a daughter of B. G. Whitney, a native of the state of New York. She was born at Romeo, Michigan, and came to Genesee county when a girl.

Mr. Stiles started out for himself without capital, going in debt for a forty-acre farm, which he improved and, by hard work, was soon on his feet. In 1883 he bought a saw-mill at Argentine, although he had never had any



W. B. STILES AND SONS.



MRS. W. B. STILES AND DAUGHTERS.

experience in this line of business, but he hired a good sawyer, learned how to manage his mill successfully and has continued to operate the same ever since. He was in debt five thousand dollars when he bought the mill, but later he purchased a half interest in the flouring-mill at Argentine also, and a year later purchased the other half and installed four thousand dollars' worth of machinery. All this took "nerve," but he managed well and in due course of time paid out of debt. He sold the flour-mill about 1900. He lives on his forty-acre farm, which is well improved, including a modern and well-furnished dwelling, finished in hardwood and walnut. He has been very successful in a business way, having forged to the front over many obstacles without assistance. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has never been very active in public affairs. He and his wife belong to the Methodist church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stiles five sons and three daughters have been born, namely: Eddie B. owns the elevator at Linden and two hundred and forty acres of good land; E. R. owns a flour-mill and a large elevator at Fostoria, where he makes his home; Ray is now proprietor of the Argentine flour-mill; Floyd is operating an elevator at Davisburg, Michigan; Cornelia is the wife of Eddie Bird and they live in Argentine township, Genesee county; Jennie is the wife of Prof. Edward Lang, of Bedford, Michigan; Mabel is the wife of Eugene Carl, station agent at Vernon, Michigan. Marlin L., a twin to Mabel, died at the age of six months. Mr. Stiles attributes his success to the help of his wife, who has worked hand in hand with him to overcome all obstacles.

WATSON W. BILLINGS.

For many years the Billings family has been well known and influential in Richfield township, this county, where they have successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. One of the creditable representatives of the same is Watson W. Billings, son of Joseph F. Billings. The former was born on the farm where he now lives. He attended the district schools and remained at home until his marriage to Mary A. Parker, who also was born in Genesee county where she grew up and attended school. Four children were born to this union, Lauren, Dwight, Pomeroy and Enos.

Watson W. Billings owns one of the best-kept farms in Genesee county, and is a breeder of a good grade of live stock of all kinds, making a speci-

alty of Guernsey cattle, keeping a large herd at all seasons. He believes in modern methods of agriculture and has all conveniences and devices for successful, scientific farming. He has a good dwelling and many convenient outbuildings.

Politically, Mr. Billings is a Republican, and he has been treasurer of Richfield township. He is a member of Davison Lodge No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons. He is public-spirited and stands ready at all times to support any legitimate measure having for its object the betterment of his locality in any way.

JOHN L. DYNES.

Scientific methods of farming disseminated through the medium of the agricultural schools throughout the country, bulletins from the government bureaus and farm journals, have come as great blessings to those pursuing agricultural callings. The farmers of the early days had no such advantages, but they did not need them so badly as we of today. John L. Dynes, of Forest township, this county, is one who has adopted many modern methods in his farm work. He was born in Canada, October 27, 1851, and is a son of Joshua and Esther (Lindsay) Dynes. The father was born in County Down, Ireland, August 24, 1821, and there also occurred the birth of the mother, August 7, 1821. His death occurred on December 17, 1892, and she died on January 15, 1894. He was nine years old when he came to Canada and she was seven, each with their parents, and there they grew up and were married and spent the rest of their lives. He was a contractor and carpenter. To Joshua Dynes and wife four daughters and one son were born, namely: Mary A., born on March 18, 1844, is the widow of Thomas McBainey and lives in Toronto, Canada; Elizabeth, February 15, 1846, is the widow of William McEwen, and also lives in Canada; Jane, February 2, 1848, died on March 3, 1857; John L., the subject of this sketch; Sarah J., born on September 19, 1858, is the widow of T. W. McDole, and lives in Tuscola county, Michigan.

John L. Dynes grew to manhood in Canada and received his education in the public schools. He enlisted in the Battalion of Oxford Rifles, May 4, 1866, in which he remained six years, being discharged at the end of his term of service, with the rank of first sergeant.

On September 21, 1875, John L. Dynes was married to Grace Agner,

who also was born in Canada, April 18, 1853. After their marriage they settled on a farm in their native land and lived there until the fall of 1882, when they came to Michigan, locating on their present farm in Forest township, this county, the same consisting of ninety acres, known as "State Road Farm." The place was in timber, but Mr. Dynes cleared and improved it and during his residence of thirty-four years there has made a good livelihood. He is a breeder of Holstein cattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dynes have five children been born, namely: Mary J., wife of Carl Dammann, of Flint; Joshua L., who married Emma Smith and also lives in Flint; John W., deceased; Cora M., who was graduated from the local schools, is teaching at Clio, this county, and William A., a graduate of an electrical college, who went as an electrician with the American fleet around the world a few years ago, and is now located in Jackson, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dynes are members of the Baptist church. He is a member of Otisville Lodge No. 401, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a charter member and past master. He and his wife are both charter members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and both have held offices in the same. Politically, Mr. Dynes is a Republican. He served with ability as justice of the peace in his township for a period of six years, and has long been active in local politics.

JOSEPH F. BILLINGS.

Among the many enterprising citizens which the old Empire state has sent to Genesee county, the name of Joseph F. Billings, a retired farmer of Richfield township, should be mentioned, for this venerable gentleman has long been well and favorably known in this locality. He was born in Orleans county, New York, November 2, 1838, and is a son of Lauren and Roxanna C. (Rexford) Billings. The father was born in Chenango county, New York, March 25, 1801, and the mother was born on April 12, 1801. They married in 1821, after which they settled in Orleans county, New York, where they spent the rest of their lives on a farm. They were parents of six children, five sons and one daughter, three of whom are living, L. D., of Flint, a retired farmer and well known in Genesee county; Pomeroy, O., a retired farmer of Orleans county, New York, and Joseph F., the subject of this sketch.

Joseph F. Billings was reared on the farm in his native county and state, and there he attended the district schools. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. He came to Michigan in 1860 and after teaching several terms of school went back to New York, and resumed work on his father's farm. In 1873 he married Josephine Eldridge, a native of Michigan, and to that union three children were born, namely: Watson W., who married Mary B. Parker and has four sons, Lauren, Dwight, Pomeroy and Enos; Verna, the wife of Frank J. Steinmetz, of Richfield township, this county, and Lauren, who died when five years old. The mother of these children died in 1889.

Mr. Billings has been very successful as a general farmer and stock grower. He owns "Willow Shade Farm," consisting of two hundred and twenty acres in Richfield township. He has been retired from active work for some time, merely overseeing his large farm. Mr. Billings is a Republican and served for some time as township superintendent of schools. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

Watson W. Billings is a Republican and was treasurer of Richfield township for two years. He is a member of Davison Lodge No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons, and is master of Enterprise Lodge, Grangers, of Richfield township.

DAVID PROWANT.

David Prowant, a prominent farmer of Richfield township, this county, was born in Paulding county, Ohio, February 12, 1856, the son of Henry and Catherine (Eyer) Prowant.

Henry Prowant was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1826, and Catherine Prowant, in Canada on February 18, 1830. Henry Prowant's father moved to Stark county, Ohio, from Pennsylvania and later settled in Putman county. The early members of the Eyer family came from Canada and located in the same neighborhood. There Henry Prowant and Catherine Eyer were children together in school and there grew to manhood and womanhood. After their marriage they located on a farm in Paulding county, where they spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of the following children: David, the subject of this sketch; Sarah, who is the wife of Douglas Reynolds, of Crawford county, Ohio; Emma, the wife of C. V. Thresher, of Paulding county, Ohio; Samuel, also of Paulding county; William, a merchant of Mandals, Ohio, and three who are deceased. Henry Prowant and family were members of the German Baptist church.

David Prowant was educated in the district schools of Paulding county and remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age, assisting with the farm work. On July 10, 1879, he was united in marriage to Hannah Bidlack, and to that union two children have been born, Lawrence and Jennie. Lawrence Prowant is married and lives on a farm in Putman county, Ohio. Jennie Prowant married John Wagner, of Carroll county, Indiana. The mother of these children died on December 23, 1886, and on April 12, 1888, Mr. Prowant married Catherine Weller, who was a native of Hancock county, Ohio, but was reared in Putnam county. To this union the following children have been born: Rebecca, the wife of N. M. Stoner, of Holly, Michigan; Mary, David E. and Edward, at home. Mr. Prowant and family are members of the German Baptist church, Mr. Prowant being a minister in that denomination. He and his family were among the early founders of the church they now attend. They organized the old German Baptist church in Richfield township on September 1, 1911, with nine members, and John W. Clear as first elder. The church membership was built up by people from Paulding and Putnam counties, Ohio; from Wisconsin and from Howard county, Indiana. The membership now numbers thirty.

David Prowant came to Genesee county in November, 1910, and now has a well-improved and highly-developed farm of one hundred and eighty acres, all of which he has accumulated by his own efforts. He is a man of sterling worth and highly respected by all who know him.

ARTHUR E. GALBRAITH.

There are farmers who might be known as one-idea men, for they give too much attention to some particular phase of their work to the neglect of the general system required to make farming a success. Such men have a bad influence on the community. Fortunately none of the tillers of the soil of Thetford township, this county, seem to be of this class. Arthur E. Galbraith, who is farming there successfully, was born in Orleans county, New York, June 21, 1885, a son of Charles and Isabelle (McClew) Galbraith.

Charles Galbraith was born in Scotland, in October, 1854, from which country he came to the United States with his parents, the family locating in Michigan. He later went to Orleans county, New York, where he was married and where he made his home until 1887, when he came back to Michigan

where he spent the rest of his life, dying on October 13, 1913. He devoted his active life to farming. He was a Republican and served as justice of the peace for some time, a man of high standing in the communities where he resided. He was a member of Vienna Lodge No. 205, Free and Accepted Masons, and belonged to the Methodist church. His family consisted of five children, namely: Warren C., who lives in Flint; Marion, the wife of C. D. Butler, of Fairgrove, this county; Arthur E., the subject of this sketch; Neal, who is farming in partnership with the subject of this review, married Mabel Brabazon, a daughter of A. J. Brabazon, and Wayne C., who is married. After the death of the mother of these children, in 1902, Charles Galbraith married Nora Buck and to that union two children were born, Edith and Gordon.

Arthur E. Galbraith was reared mostly in Thetford township, this county, and he received his education in the district schools. He began life for himself as a clerk in a store in Fairgrove, which position he held for a period of six years. He was wide-awake, industrious and courteous and thus gave his employer entire satisfaction. He then bought the old home place and has since engaged in general farming and stock raising there. The place consists of one hundred and forty-five acres and is known as "Look-away Farm." He and his brother Neal have kept it well improved and well tilled.

In February, 1907, Arthur E. Galbraith was married to Mabel E. Brown, who was born at Clio, this county, in March, 1887, a daughter of George Brown, a farmer of Thetford township. She is a member of the Presbyterian church at Fairgrove. Mr. Galbraith is a Republican. He is a member of Vienna Lodge No. 205, Free and Accepted Masons, and also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

JAMES B. FRENCH.

James B. French, a well-known hardware merchant at Flushing, was born in Flushing, June 14, 1858, a son of George A. and Harriett S. (Woodruff) French, the former of whom, born in 1838, was the first white child born in Flushing township. He was reared and educated there and followed the occupation of a farmer, being the owner of a considerable body of land in Flushing township. In his younger days he operated a threshing-machine. He lived to be fifty-nine years of age, his death occurring on September

13, 1897. His political affiliations were with the Republican party, and he was identified with the local organization of the Grange. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and one of the officials in the congregation with which he was identified.

Harriett (Woodruff) French was born in Genesee county in 1839. Her death occurred in 1905 while on a visit to a son in Washington state. There were fifteen children in this family all of whom grew to years of maturity, as follow: James B., the subject of this sketch; Irving, who is living in Flint; Inez, deceased; Orla L., living in the state of Washington; Minnie, who married Graham Harris and is living in Cleveland, Ohio; Jennie, deceased; Louis, who is living in Yakima, Washington; Lena, who married Herbert Marshall, a Clayton township farmer; Hattie, who married H. D. Packard and is living at Merrill, Michigan; George, who is living in Washington; Viola married William Nevins and is living in Ohio; Fred, who is living in Pullman, Illinois; Myra, who married Ellis Roberts and is living in Pullman, Illinois; Mary, who married John S. Wilson and is living in Lansing, Michigan, and Winnie, who married Clarence Roberts and is living in Chicago.

Henry I. French, grandfather of James B. French, was born in Vermont and came to Genesee county when a young man, being among the earliest pioneers of Flushing township. Shortly afterward his father, Apolus French, came and located a home here. Henry French built the second log house in Flushing township. It was located on the bank of Flint river, east of the village of Flushing. All of his active years were spent in farming. When he retired from farming he moved to Flushing village and made his home there until his death, which occurred in 1885. He was the father of five children, all of whom are dead except Henry H., the youngest. The names of these deceased are George A. and Joseph (twins), Althea and Rhoda.

James B. French received his education in the Flushing graded and high schools, and then entered the Flushing mills to learn the milling trade. He was employed in these mills for thirteen years, advancing from apprenticeship to superintendent and manager. In 1891 he embarked in the produce business at Flushing, at a location on Elm street, and continued in that business until 1908, when he sold out. Meantime, in 1895, he also engaged in the hardware business, starting in a frame building located on the site of his present building, and in 1897 he built a fine, large, two-story building to accommodate his increased business. He is still engaged in that business, occupying both floors and the basement with a stock of goods comprising

everything in his line. Mr. French also gives some attention to his farming interests in the county. He is a stockholder and director of the Peoples State Bank, and is a stockholder and president of the Flushing Canning Company, organized in 1911.

On September 14, 1881, James B. French was married to Julia Sammer. Rexford S. French, the only son of James B. and Julia French, was born on February 3, 1885. He was educated in the Flushing schools and afterward attended Assumption college, Sandwich, Ontario. Returning to Flushing he went to work in his father's hardware store, where he is now employed. He was married in 1906 to Winnie Goddard, who was born in Flushing township, and they have one son, Robert.

James B. French is a Republican and has served as township treasurer and filled several village offices. Fraternally, he is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge and chapter at Flushing, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias in Flushing.

REV. SETH REED, D. D.

The name of Rev. Seth Reed, D. D., has been one of the most conspicuous in Michigan Methodism for many decades and has been a potent factor for the general moral uplift. Like a sheaf fully ripened, he is serenely waiting the Reaper, looking backward over his long, useful and honorable life with no compunction, and forward with no fear. He was born in Hartwick, Otsego county, New York, June 2, 1823, and is therefore in his ninety-fourth year. He is a son of Seth and Polly (Buell) Reed both natives of Connecticut. They grew up in the East, were married there and had six children, namely: Miranda, who died in early childhood; Juliet, who married P. M. Stonebraker; Laura, who married Abram Randall; Maria, who married J. H. Gray; Horace William and Seth, Jr. The father of these children, who was known as "Captain" Reed, devoted the major portion of his active life to farming. He was for some time a member of the New York militia. After his marriage in Connecticut he moved to Otsego county, New York, where he died before his son, Seth, Jr., was born. His widow survived him many years and reared the family, except Laura, who went to live with an uncle. She removed with the rest of her children to Cattaraugus county when it was only sparsely settled, but brought her family to Michigan in 1842. Some of the younger children



Seth Reed

lived with their elder brother. The family settled near Grand Rapids, where the mother spent the rest of her life, reaching an advanced age. She died in the Methodist faith, which she did not embrace until she was past fifty years of age, having previously affiliated with the Universalist church with her husband. She was a woman of many strong characteristics and reared her children well.

Rev. Seth Reed remained in the state of New York until he was nineteen years of age, being twelve years old when he removed with the rest of the family from Otsego county to Cattaraugus county. He received his early education in the district schools and an academy at Springville, Erie county, New York. Ill health interfered with his early development until he was past twenty-one years of age. He began teaching school when only sixteen years old, teaching three terms in New York state. Coming to Michigan in 1842, he located with the family near the city of Grand Rapids when it was merely a village and taught one term of school there, teaching at Otisco the next winter. Prior to that he had read law at home and, later, was in a law office in Grand Rapids, but while he was teaching his last term of school he decided that a legal career was not altogether attractive and that the ministry of the gospel should be his true life work. Accordingly he gave up the study of Blackstone for the Bible and began at once to expound the doctrines of the original universal Law Giver, this being the field in which nature undoubtedly intended him for. He continued to preach earnestly, ably and eloquently for a period of about fifty years, becoming one of the best known divines in the state of Michigan and not unknown to the wider circles of Methodism. His license to preach was dated June 15, 1844, at the quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held in Grand Rapids at that time. His first work was in Flat River circuit, which embraced parts of Montcalm, Ionia, Kent and Ottawa counties. After that he preached as pastor of the churches of his denomination in many cities, including Mt. Clemens, Pontiac, Ypsilanti, Monroe, Ann Arbor, Port Huron, Detroit (two churches), and spent four years in New England, one year in Edgartown in Martha's Vineyard, and three years in Providence, Rhode Island. Returning to Michigan, he became presiding elder, the duties of which he performed for a period of eighteen years, after which he was placed on the superannuated list. However, he has continued to preach occasionally and has "gone about doing good" in many ways during his old age, not being contented unless he is "about his Master's business." He has lived in Flint three different times, about fifteen years in all. When

presiding elder on the Saginaw district he had one band of converted Indians under his charge and preached to them a number of times.

Rev. Mr. Reed was married on October 8, 1846, to Harriet Newell Russell, in Hadley, Michigan. To their union four children were born, namely: Edmund Roscoe, Louisa, Wilbur F. and Harriett Ella. Wilbur F. Reed is a physician and lives in Cheboygan. He has been twice married, first to a widow, who died without issue; his second wife, Sarah, has borne him two children, Seth and Harry. Louisa Reed married Dr. C. H. Stowell after her graduation from the University of Michigan, from which institution Mr. Stowell also graduated, and they are now living in Lowell, Massachusetts. Edmund R. Reed, who is in business in Detroit, married Delia Cook, of Ann Arbor, who died in 1915; they were the parents of four daughters and one son, Louise, Minnie, Edith, Charles and Exene. Harriett Ella Reed married William H. Cooper, who died leaving one daughter, who has since died, and the widow then married C. E. Baldwin, a commercial photographer in Flint.

The death of the first wife of the subject of this sketch occurred in March, 1898, at the age of eighty-three years. On September 13, 1899, Doctor Reed married for his second wife Henrietta Andrew, a daughter of John and Hannah (Farley) Andrew. She was a native of Canada. Mr. Andrew was born in Yorkshire, England, and his wife in Quebec, Canada. The Andrew family moved to the United States in 1876, locating in Sanilac county, Michigan, where they spent a few years, the death of Mrs. Andrew occurring there in November, 1906, at the age of sixty-five years. Mr. Andrew is still living, making his home in Bad Ax, this state. His father, Joseph Andrew, married Elizabeth Lee. They were both born in Hull, Yorkshire, England. To their union six children were born, namely: John, Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary, Phoebe and Rachael. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Reed were James T. and Anna (Herbert) Farley, the former of Irish and the latter of French extraction. To their union seven children were born, namely: Mary, John, James, Susanna, Hannah, Jane and Richard.

The parents of Doctor Reed were born in southern Connecticut, the progenitor of the Reed family, John Reed, coming to Providence, Rhode Island, in the year 1660. The emigrant ancestor on the maternal side came to Boston in 1630. Both families trace their ancestors back many centuries in England, each having owned estates in England prior to the coming of William the Conqueror in 1066. The first of the Buel family in America was William Buel, a religious enthusiast known as a Puritan. Both families

were represented in the Colonial councils and also fought in the Revolutionary War.

During the Civil War, Doctor Reed was down in Tennessee and Alabama on the Christian Commission and was an abolitionist in his sentiments. He assisted in taking care of wounded soldiers taken from Chickamauga and other battlefields. He is well preserved in his old age, being tall and erect, with good memory and clear faculties—active both in body and mind. He has been a close observer and a profound student and is therefore a well informed man, both an entertaining conversationalist and an instructive and forceful speaker. He relates many very remarkable incidents of the pioneer days. He reads without glasses, never having used them. In his early career as minister he made long journeys on horseback, through the wilderness, often beset with dangers and hardships. The circuit was large and it took him several weeks to make the rounds. On one occasion he had a miraculous escape from a bear, which charged him. But he minded not wild beasts nor Indians, nor blizzard nor hunger, so long as he was conscious of doing his Master's will. For his services for one of the years that he thus traveled and preached among the pioneers he received a total sum of fifty-nine dollars and fifty-six cents. But in later years he was pastor of some of the finest and richest churches in Michigan and ranked for half a century as one of the leading churchmen of his denomination in the country.

WILLIAM S. FOWLER.

When the farmer matures his plans and operates his farm on the basis of a real purpose for the future, just as the business man, the railroad, or the corporation, then will he be enabled to get the many privileges that business organizations now enjoy. One of the far-seeing farmers of Richfield township, this county is William S. Fowler, who was born in Illinois, November 9, 1859. He is a son of Jackson and Susan (Sanborn) Fowler, natives of Pennsylvania and Vermont, respectively. The Fowlers moved to Illinois in an early day, and the Sanborns to New York state, moving on to Illinois later, and it was in Illinois that the parents of the subject of this sketch met and married, and there located on a farm, coming on to Michigan in 1867; locating in section 34. Thetford township, Genesee county, where they remained until 1873, when they moved to Richfield township and settled in section 5, several years later moving to section 1, in Genesee township, where

they spent the rest of their lives. Both were active members of the Methodist church, and he was a member of Genesee Lodge No. 24, Free and Accepted Masons at Flint, and was past master of a Masonic lodge while living in Illinois. Politically, he was a Republican. His family consisted of four children by his first wife, namely: William S., the subject of this sketch; Etta, who died in childhood; Nettie, wife of Loron Reese, of Genesee township, and Frankie, deceased. Jackson Fowler's second wife was Harriet Hubbard, by whom he had the following children: Lillian, deceased; Harry, deceased, and Mertie, wife of Albert Urch, of Flint.

William S. Fowler was eight years old when his parents removed from LaSalle county, Illinois, to Michigan, and here he attended the common schools. When about eighteen years old he started out in life for himself, and has devoted his attention to general farming and stock raising, now being the owner of one hundred and sixty-five acres in Richfield township. He was married on November 16, 1884, to Carrie E. Rogers, who was born on the farm where she now lives, and where she grew to womanhood, receiving her education in the district schools. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Ona J., at home, and Mildred S., now a student in the Flint Normal School.

Mr. Fowler is a Republican and has served as justice of the peace and as township treasurer. He is a member of Otisville Lodge No. 401, Free and Accepted Masons, having joined the order in Davison in 1882, and he has held offices in the same. He and his wife are both members of the Order of Eastern Star at Otisville.

JOHN H. RUSSELL.

John H. Russell, a well-known and substantial farmer living in section 30 of Genesee township, has lived there, the pioneer farm on which he was born, all his life and has consequently been a witness to all the wonderful development that has marked this region during the past generation. He was born on November 20, 1852, son of Hiram and Ann (Williams) Russell, natives of New York state, who had come to Michigan in the days of their youth with their respective parents, both families having settled in this county in early days, and here they were married and spent their last days.

Hiram Russell was born on May 26, 1823, son of Howland and Catherine (Eichelsamer) Russell, the former of whom was born on April 19,

1774, who were married at Pittstown, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1803, and who came to Michigan with their family in territorial days, back in 1835, settling in Livingston county and six years later coming to Genesee county and settling on the farm on which their grandson, the subject of this sketch, now lives, where they spent the rest of their lives, useful and influential pioneer residents of that part of the county. Howland Russell died there on January 24, 1869. His wife had preceded him to the grave a little less than five years, her death having occurred on March 21, 1864. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Hiram Russell was the tenth in order of birth, the others having been Sallie, Peter, Gideon, John, Almira, Nicholas, Harriet, Richard, Janet and Betsy. Hiram Russell was about twelve years old when his parents came to Michigan with their family and he grew to manhood in this state. He was a valued assistant in the work of developing the homestead farm in this county and after his marriage in the early fifties continued to make his home there. He married Ann Williams, who was born in Monroe county, New York, August 30, 1829, daughter of John and Miranda (Weaver) Williams, both natives of that same county, the latter of whom died there, after which John Williams and his two daughters, Ann and Cordelia, came to Michigan and settled in this county. Hiram Russell died on June 3, 1896. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Georgiana, born on June 2, 1854, who died on August 2, 1855; Ida W., April 23, 1857, who married, April 24, 1877, Edwin Robison and died on August 19, 1878, and Helen J., August 11, 1863, who died on December 4 of that same year.

John H. Russell was reared on the homestead farm his grandfather had entered from the government, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, and, being the only son of his father was from early boyhood a valuable assistant in the work of carrying on the labors of the farm. After his marriage in 1814 he established his home on the old home farm and after his father's death, as the sole survivor of the family, came into full possession of the same. The Russell farm consists of two hundred and thirty acres, one hundred and ten acres in Genesee township, and the remainder in Mt. Morris township, and is a valuable piece of property, Mr. Russell for years having been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that neighborhood. He is a Democrat and ever since arriving at a voting age has given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

It was on October 6, 1874, that John H. Russell was united in mar-

riage to Sarah J. Taylor, who was born at Flint, this county, February 12, 1856, daughter and only child of Nathaniel and Sophia (Davison) Taylor, the former a native of Ohio, born on March 16, 1832, and the latter, a native of England, born on August 29, 1835, who died on October 29, 1856, when her only daughter was an infant. Nathaniel Taylor was a well-known farmer and carpenter. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell three children have been born, Florence, born on February 3, 1878, who married Driss Knickerbocker, of Mt. Morris township, in 1901 and died on January 28, 1906, and Ellen and Elmer, twins, November 21, 1892, the former of whom married, February 2, 1916, Clayton W. Kurtz, of Genesee township, and the latter of whom is aiding his father in the management of the home farm, ably representing the fourth generation of Russells who have contributed to the development of that place.

BERTON J. HAWLEY.

In years gone by farmers were sometimes looked upon as a class of people who were not educated, who could do nothing but farm. Now times have changed—one cannot make a success as a farmer unless one is educated; not necessarily in the classics, it is true, but educated in the things he has to employ in his vocation—in the care and management of the place. Such a man is Berton J. Hawley, of Thetford township. He was born in Davison township, this county, December 13, 1867, and is a son of Carlos A. and Samantha A. (Knapp) Hawley, natives of Oakland county, Michigan, and the state of New York, respectively, the mother having been but six years old when her parents settled in Detroit, where she grew up and was married. After their marriage, Carlos A. Hawley and wife located in Davison township, this county, where they lived many years on a farm, being among the early settlers there. Finally selling out they bought a farm in Richfield township and lived there about eleven years, or until his death. She survived until in January, 1915, her last years being spent in Thetford township. They were members of the Baptist church, and were parents of five children, four of whom survive at this writing, namely: Everett J., who lives in Flint; Isabelle, the wife of Deb Porter, of Davison; Berton J., the subject of this sketch, and Anna M., wife of Charles Holmstead of Flint township.

Berton J. Hawley was reared on the home farm and attended the dis-

trict schools. In March, 1892, he married Mary E. Crawford, who was born in Pontiac, Michigan, and was educated in the common schools. After marriage they settled on a rented farm in Genesee township. He finally purchased twenty acres in that township, but sold it after living a year on it, then rented his father's farm for five years. He subsequently purchased one hundred and twenty acres in section 16, Thetford township, where he now lives, and where he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of fruit growing, including apples and berries, especially of raspberries.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hawley, namely: Carold A., who is farming on the home place; Lawson B., who also is farming; Hazel L., a graduate of the common schools, who is now attending business college, and Leonard, Iva, Roscoe and Alton, who are at home. Politically, Mr. Hawley is a Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of the Gleaners.

JOHN NIMPHIE.

Agriculture is the greatest among all the arts of man, as it is the first in supplying his necessities. It favors and strengthens population; it creates and maintains manufacturers, gives employment to navigation and transportation and furnishes materials for commerce. One of Genesee county's successful agriculturists is John Nimphie, of Swartz Creek, Clayton township. He was born in Germany, June 18, 1853, and is a son of Henry F. and Mary (Lanshaw) Nimphie, also natives of Germany, where they grew up and were married. They came to the United States in 1863, locating in Lyons township, Oakland county, Michigan, arriving there with but little of this world's goods. Henry F. Nimphie was not long in his adopted country until he enlisted for service in the Civil War, as a private in the Twenty-second Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, but was later transferred to the Twenty-ninth Regiment of this state, in which he served until the close of the war, making a splendid record as a soldier. He returned home in 1865 and purchased the farm on which his son John now resides, which place he improved and there spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of three children, Henry, who lives in Duffield, Michigan; Mary, the wife of Michael Myers, of Shiwassee county, and John, the subject of this sketch. Henry F. Nimphie was a Republican and was an active worker in the Evangelical church.

John Nimphie was reared on the home farm and worked hard when a boy during the crop seasons, attending the district schools in the winter time. He has always lived on the homestead, which he now owns, the place consisting of one hundred acres, which he has kept well tilled and well improved.

On March 7, 1883, John Nimphie was married to Rose Ganssley, who was born in Shiwassee county, this state, January 29, 1864, of German descent. They went to housekeeping in the old log cabin, the first home of the Nimphie family here, and later they built a dwelling of their own. To their union five children have been born, as follow: George, a carpenter by trade, who is married and lives at Lansing; Cora, the wife of Ora Sessions, who was graduated in civil engineering and is now assistant civil engineer on the Grand Trunk railroad, with headquarters at Battle Creek; Jessie, the wife of Ernest Kurtz, a farmer of Ingham county, this state; Lillie, a high school graduate, who taught school six years, and is now the wife of Charles Schuman, and Roy, who married Hazel Curtis and is assisting his father on the home farm, making a specialty of breeding fine Durham cattle.

Mr. Nimphie is a Republican, but has never been active in public affairs. He is a member of the Methodist church at Duffield, and is a member of the official board of the same.

HARRY P. YOEULLS.

Harry P. Youells, a well-known and substantial farmer of Clayton township, this county, highway commissioner of that township and the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres in sections 26 and 27, of that township, situated on the Bristol road, rural route No. 3, out of Swartz Creek, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Clayton township on January 16, 1872, son of Abraham V. and Harriet (Eaton) Youells, natives of New York state, who came to Michigan before their marriage, were married here some years later and became substantial and influential residents of Clayton township.

It was in the latter fifties that Abraham V. Youells came to Michigan from his native state of New York. He had been trained to the trade of blacksmith and upon coming to this state located at Three Rivers, where he became employed at that trade and where he was living at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted for service in Company G, Twenty-fifth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until it was mustered out at the close of the war, after which he returned to



Harry P. Gwynell's and Family.

Three Rivers, where he shortly afterward married Harriet Eaton, a school teacher of that place. She was born in New York state and had come to this state with her parents in the early sixties, the family settling at Hadley, in Lapeer county, where for some time she taught school, later becoming engaged as a teacher at Three Rivers. The marriage took place at the home of the bride in Hadley and Mr. Youells and his wife took up their home in Three Rivers, where they lived about five years, at the end of which time, in the fall of 1871, they settled on a farm of eighty acres of woodland two miles east of Lennon, for which he had traded a forty-acre tract he previously had acquired in St. Joseph county. He proceeded to clear and improve the same, in the meantime spending his winters working at his trade in Flushing. Some years later they moved to the farm of Mrs. Youells' father, which Mr. Youells bought, and there he spent his last days, his death occurring on May 22, 1894. A short time afterward his widow moved to Flushing and thence to Flint, where she is now making her home. They were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Helen May, wife of Eugene Stone, of Flint, and Avy V., who is a bookkeeper and stenographer in the office of the Mason Motor Works at Flint.

Harry P. Youells was reared on the farm and received his schooling in the district schools and in the high school at Flushing, remaining on the farm until his marriage in 1896, after which he bought a farm of forty acres north of Lennon, where he established his home. A year later he sold that place and returned to the old home place, buying forty acres across the road from the same, and there he lived for four years, at the end of which time he sold that place and bought one hundred and twenty acres of his present home place in Clayton township, later buying an adjoining tract of twenty-eight acres, and there has lived ever since, long having been regarded as one of the substantial farmers of that part of the county. Mr. Youells is a Republican and, although living in a strongly Democratic township, has been elected to the office of highway commissioner of that township for several consecutive terms and has also been his party's nominee for township supervisor.

On January 13, 1896, Harry P. Youells was united in marriage to Bertha Pixley, who was born in Clayton township, this county, daughter of John and Catherine Pixley, both of New York state stock, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Irene V., who received her schooling in the Flint schools; Helen E., now a student in the Swartz Creek high

school; Harry A., in the district school; Louise Bertha, also in district school, and Virginia M. Mr. and Mrs. Youells are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Swartz Creek and Mr. Youells is a member of the board of trustees of that body. He is past master of the Masonic lodge at Swartz Creek and both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Flushing. They take a warm interest in the general social activities of their home community and are helpful in all good works thereabout.

B. J. AUSTIN.

An enterprising merchant at Argentine, this county, who has made a success of his chosen vocation because he has been industrious and honest, is B. J. Austin, who was born at the village of Novall, in Jackson county, Michigan, November 23, 1871, a son of Aaron N. and Emma (Adams) Austin. The father was a native of the state of New York, from which she came with her parents to Michigan when young, the family settling in Jackson county, and there she married Dr. Austin. After their marriage Aaron N. Austin and wife located on a farm in Clinton county, this state, but later moved back to Norvall, thence to near Manchester, then to near Napoleon, Jackson county. His death occurred in Ingham county, May 25, 1903. His widow is still living, making her home in Mason, Michigan. She was born on March 2, 1840, and is therefore seventy-six years old. To these parents five children were born, namely: Etta, who married Alva G. Lyon, of Mason, this state, and has two sons, Harry, who now lives in Idaho, and Lawrence, who lives in Lansing; Fred G., who married Flora Bartlett and lives in Lansing; B. J., the subject of this sketch; Claude C., now living in Perry, Michigan, who graduated from the high school at Mason and married Jennie Dean of that place, and Elmer, who is agent for the Grand Trunk Railroad at Jackson.

B. J. Austin spent his early boyhood in Jackson county, being sixteen years old when his parents moved from that county. He attended school at Mason and remained at home on the farm until his marriage to Ella Bartlett, March 29, 1893. She was born near Mason, where she attended school, and later taught school for some time. After his marriage B. J. Austin lived on a rented farm for thirteen years, then purchasing eighty acres in Ingham township, Ingham county, where he spent seven years, and during which period he served as supervisor for three years. He moved to

the village of Argentine, June 29, 1906, and has remained there ever since, successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits, enjoying a good trade with the surrounding country. He owns six acres of land there. He is also post-master of Argentine. Politically, he is a Republican. His family is connected with the Methodist church and he is a liberal supporter of the same.

To Mr. and Mrs. Austin three children have been born, Vera, who was graduated from the Fenton high school, taught one year in Argentine township, and is now the wife of Delbert Taylor; Elton B., who was graduated from the Fenton high school and the Ferris Institute of Big Rapids, and is assisting his father in the management of the store, and Merle J., who is attending Linden high school.

ROBERT J. CHASE.

Diversified farming in its truest sense calls for a methodical practice of a thorough rotation of crops, and three main points are to be kept in mind, the raising of crops that will of themselves return good revenues to the farmer; crops with which to feed the live stock on the farm, and the necessity of keeping up a rotation of crops. This is the method followed by Robert J. Chase, of Argentine township, this county, who was born on the farm he now occupies, May 11, 1876. He is a son of George W. and Sarah T. (Parker) Chase. The father was born in Wyoming county, New York, August 12, 1832, and was a son of Joel F. and Harriet (Morehouse) Chase. The wife of Joel F. Chase died in the state of New York, after which he brought his son, George W., to this county, in 1849, locating in Argentine township, where he spent the latter part of his life. He was the father of four children, George W., Permelia, Nancy, and Harriet, all now deceased. George W. Chase was seventeen years old when he located, in 1864, on the farm in Argentine township, on which Robert J. now lives. During the Civil War he served as a private in Company A, Sixteenth Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry. He and Sarah T. Parker were married in October, 1857. She was born in Salem, Washtenaw county, Michigan, September 9, 1839, and was a daughter of James E. and Dolly (Chase) Parker, the latter a native of Portland, Maine, who came to Michigan after their marriage. Their family consisted of five children. Ten children, six of whom survive, were born to George W. Chase and wife, namely: Frank, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Belle, the widow of

John D. Collins; George W., Jr., cashier of the bank at Gaines, this county; John, a retired farmer, who lives in the village of Gaines; Robert J., the subject of this sketch, and Otto R., who lives in Detroit.

Robert J. Chase was reared on the home farm and was educated in the common schools. He has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, and lives on the farm of eighty acres, known as "Maple Grove Farm," in Argentine township, about two miles southeast of the village of Gaines. On January 1, 1904, he was married to Anna J. Walpole, of Pueblo, Colorado, who died in that city on March 1, 1914, leaving three children, Hazel M., born on November 25, 1904; Nina B., December 27, 1907, and Robert J., Jr., March 25, 1911.

Politically, Mr. Chase is a Republican, although his father was a Democrat, and, like the latter, is more or less active in public affairs. He is a member of Byron Lodge No. 80, Free and Accepted Masons; of Eastern Lodge No. 387, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Detroit, and of local tent of the Knights of the Maccabees at Gaines.

ELIAS F. GOOD.

As one reviews the history of Genesee county and looks into the past to see what people were prominent in its early development, it will be found that for the past three-quarters of a century, the period covering its first settlement to the present time, the New Yorkers have been closely connected with the progress and advancement of this section of the state. One of this number is Elias F. Good, a farmer of Richfield township. He was born in Erie county, New York, September 16, 1858, and is a son of John and Esther A. (Hummel) Good, both also natives of New York state. The Goods came to America from Holland many generations ago. The father of the subject of this sketch came from New York to Genesee county, Michigan, in 1874, and located on the farm now owned by his son Elias F., where he spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of ten children, six of whom are still living, namely: Henry W., a carpenter and painter of Davison, this county; Martha, the wife of Andrew Reese, of Rogersville, Michigan; Elias F., the subject of this sketch; Amanda, wife of Herbert E. Moore, of Flint; Edwin S., a graduate of the Agricultural College of Michigan, who is now superintendent of animal husbandry in the Agri-

cultural College of Kentucky; and Dr. Clarence A. Good, a practicing physician at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Elias F. Good was fifteen years old when he came to Genesee county. He grew up on the farm and attended the district schools and the high school at Flint, after which he taught during the winter months for seven years, farming in the summer time. In October, 1880, he married Ada M. Wadsworth, who was born in Lapeer county, Michigan, in December, 1860. She was educated in the district schools, and taught school for some time. To Mr. and Mrs. Good seven children have been born, namely: Jesse C., who was graduated from the Flint Business College and married Nora Langley; Mabel, who is the wife of Frank Cottrell; Agnes, who was graduated from the Davison high school and married C. M. Stoddard, of Richfield Center; Hazel, who is the wife of Alger Traver; Blanche, who is the wife of Ivan Coon; Eunice, unmarried, who lives at home, and Clinton C., also with his parents.

Mr. Good owns an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty acres, in partnership with his son Jesse. It is known as "Maple Ridge Stock Farm." In connection with general farming they are breeders of a good grade of live stock of all kinds. Politically, Mr. Good is a Republican and has served his township as clerk for six years; also has served as treasurer and school inspector. He is a member of the Gleaners.

JOHN F. WIRTH.

John F. Wirth, a well-known merchant at Clio, was born in Germany, April 19, 1873, a son of George and Kunie (Poellott) Wirth. His father was born in Germany, in 1839, and died in 1871. His mother was also a native of Germany, born in 1846, and died in 1874. They were the parents of four children: Kunie, born in 1869, who came to this county, settling in New York in 1885, and who died in 1889; Herman, born on April 22, 1872, who is now living in Portland, Oregon; John F., the subject of this sketch, and one child, who died in infancy.

The paternal grandfather of John F. Wirth was John Wirth, a native of Germany. His occupation was that of a farmer which he followed until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife, also a native of Germany, lived to be about eighty-five years of age. Their children were: John, born in 1844, who died in 1909; John Conrad, born in

1846, now living in Saginaw, Michigan, and George, the father of the subject of this sketch. The maternal grandfather of John F. Wirth was John Poellott, born in Germany, a contractor and builder, who was the father of twelve children.

John F. Wirth was educated in Germany and came to the United States in 1888, he then being fifteen years of age, living for two years in New York and later coming to Michigan. He located in Clio, in 1894, and there engaged in the tailoring business, a trade he had learned before coming to this county. He followed that business for about fifteen years and in 1906 added a line of men's furnishing goods and carried that on with his tailoring business until 1912. At that time D. M. Weeks, a merchant of Clio, became a partner and the business was enlarged and has continued under the firm name of Weeks & Wirth, dealers in general merchandise.

On October 7, 1897, John F. Wirth was married to Anna M. Loomis, who was born in Clio, July 17, 1878, a daughter of John F. and Anna (Sheldon) Loomis. Her father was a farmer, born on September 18, 1839, who came to this country in 1864, settling at Clio, and was married that same year to Anna Sheldon, who was born in New York state in 1838. They were the parents of six children: Lula, who died in infancy, August 7, 1865; Emma, born in Clio, January 8, 1868, who died in 1912; John Allen, born on January 3, 1871, who died in infancy; James H., May 29, 1873, now living in Clio; Mary L., July 6, 1875, who married James F. Cully and is now living in Detroit, and Anne Marie, July 17, 1878, who married Mr. Wirth. The father died on June 26, 1914; the mother, July 17, 1878.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Anna M. (Loomis) Wirth was John O. Loomis, who was born in Connecticut, November 21, 1812. On May 9, 1838, he married Martha M. Gillett, who was born on May 26, 1812, in Connecticut. They had two children, Emma M. Loomis, born on March 15, 1842, who died on November 23, 1867, and John F., father of Mrs. Wirth. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Wirth were James A. and Lucinda (Little) Sheldon, both of them were born in New York state, where they spent all their lives. Mrs. Wirth's mother was their only child. There are two sisters and one brother of Mr. Wirth's mother living in the United States at present, Conrad Poellott, at River Edge, New York, a contractor and builder; Mrs. Lena Appel, wife of John Appel, a mechanic, living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Christina, who married Lewis Weekler, a baker, living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

John F. Wirth is a Republican. He has served as village treasurer

for four terms, and also served as township treasurer for four terms. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen and of the Knights of the Macca-bees. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a member of the official board of that church and superintendent of the Sunday school.

JAMES E. PRICE.

It will always be a mark of distinction to have served the Union during the Civil War. The old soldiers will receive attention no matter where they go if they will but make themselves known, for the present generation is beginning fully to realize how much we owe to them. One of this number in Genesee county is James E. Price, retired farmer and merchant of Otisville, Forest township. He was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, July 28, 1844, and is a son of Enos and Orvilla (Bacon) Price, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew up and were married, and spent their entire lives. Enos Price was a mechanic and upholsterer. His family consisted of eleven children, four of whom survive at this writing, namely: Susan, wife of John Lennox, who lives in Pennsylvania; Catherine, wife of J. D. Johnson, who also lives in Pennsylvania; William G., who lives in California; and James, the subject of this sketch.

James E. Price grew to manhood in his native state and was educated in the public schools. In August, 1862, he enlisted at Athens, Pennsylvania, in Company E, One Hundred and Forty-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served faithfully in the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war. His regiment was engaged in many of the greatest battles of the war, including Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and the siege of Petersburg, and he was wounded at Spottsylvania. He was honorably discharged in 1865, after which he returned home. In 1867 he went to Seneca Falls, New York, and in 1868 came to Michigan, arriving at Flint with twelve dollars. He went to work at the carpenter's trade. He had married previously, and as soon as practicable sent for his wife and they resided in Flint about four years, then, in 1872, moved to Otisville. Mr. Price found employment there as a salesman, but later engaged in the milling business for nine years. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Forest township, which land he cleared and improved and lived there until 1890, engaged in general farming, then moved to Poulan, Georgia, where for two years he operated a

planing-mill and saw-mill. In 1895 he returned to Otisville and started a lumber yard, which he operated until 1913 when he sold out.

James E. Price was married on July 3, 1868, to Sarah Morgan, who died in 1895 without issue, and in 1897 he married America Collard, which union also has been without issue.

Mr. Price is a Republican, and in 1897 he was appointed postmaster at Otisville, by President McKinley, and continued in that office until 1912, or a period of fifteen years, giving eminent satisfaction to the department and the people. He has also served as treasurer of Forest township and has long been more or less active in local politics. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Price owns a good farm of one hundred and eleven acres, several houses and lots in Otisville and the building in which the postoffice is now located.

JOHN R. BENDLE.

It is a privilege which we should fully appreciate if we are permitted by fate to spend our later lives in the old home, for it has a peculiar charm that certainly cannot be found elsewhere, as we are told in the famous old song. A certain "atmosphere" pervades the place which hallows it. John R. Bendle, farmer of Burton township, Genesee county, who is living in the house in which he first saw the light of day, fully appreciates this fact. He was born amid pioneer conditions, on December 22, 1838, and here he has lived to see wonderful changes, has seen the vast forests give way to fertile and well-improved farms and towns spring up where there was not a residence when he was a boy.

Mr. Bendle is a son of William and Elizabeth (Lake) Bendle. The father was born in Devonshire, England, was reared on a farm in his native locality and attended school there. When twenty-five years of age, and while yet single, he crossed the Atlantic, locating in Stafford, New York, where he met and married Elizabeth Lake, who was a native of Bittelford, England. Her parents had died when she was young, throwing her entirely upon her own resources, and when twelve years of age she immigrated to New York state, where she met and married William Bendle. They came west in 1836, locating in Genesee county, Michigan, among the early settlers, taking up one hundred and ten acres in Burton township, eighty acres of which is now owned by the subject of this sketch. Here the parents developed a good



MRS. AND MR. JOHN R. BENDLE.

farm through their industry and spent the rest of their active lives, the father retiring some twelve or fifteen years prior to his death, spending his last years in Flint. His family consisted of the following children: John R., of this sketch; Mary, who married George H. Wicker, is deceased; Etta E., who married Henry Barrett, is deceased; William died when nine years of age; James, who was a soldier in the Civil War, died in the service in 1864; Mrs. Anne Evans Wallin, a widow, is living in Los Angeles, California.

John R. Bendle was reared on the home farm, where he worked hard when a boy, assisting his father develop the same from the virgin state in which the family found it. He received a meager education in the old-time district schools of Burton township. He has spent his life on the homestead with the exception of the years from 1877 to 1883, when he lived on the county farm as superintendent. He has kept the home place well improved and under a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Bendle was married, on November 3, 1863, to Mary Jane Turner, a daughter of Robert and Ann Turner, of Grand Blanc, Michigan. These parents were natives of England, where they spent their earlier years, and in Devonshire Mrs. Bendle was born. She was young in years when the family immigrated to America, locating in Grand Blanc township, Genesee county, Michigan, and here she grew to womanhood and attended school. Her death occurred on September 3, 1912, and she was buried in Evergreen cemetery.

Politically, Mr. Bendle is a Republican. He was brought up a strict Methodist and has never departed from his raising, having always been faithful in his support of the local church of this denomination. He enjoys an excellent reputation in the township and county where he has spent his entire life.

REV. THOMAS FRANCES LUBY.

The Rev. Thomas Francis Luby, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church at Mt. Morris and of the Sacred Heart church in the neighboring village of Birch Run, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life, with the exception of the time spent away while pursuing his theological studies. He was born at Kalamazoo, this state, May 15, 1875, son of Michael Francis and Mary (McDonald) Luby, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Michigan, both of whom died in Kalamazoo.

Michael F. Luby was born in the village of Strokestown, Ros-

common, Province of Connaught, Ireland, in 1833, and when fourteen years old came to the United States with a brother. Almost immediately after landing in New York he took service on a whaling vessel and for years followed the adventurous life of the sea, eventually locating at Savannah, Georgia, where he was engaged as overseer of slave stevedores when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted in a Georgia regiment for service in the Confederate army and served for four years. At the close of the war he came to Michigan and settled at Kalamazoo, where he engaged in the grocery business and where he spent the remainder of his life. On October 25, 1869, at Kalamazoo, he married Mary McDonald, who was born in that city in 1850, daughter of John and Mary (Kerwin) McDonald, natives of Ireland, and to that union eight children were born, four of whom lived to maturity, the eldest of these being the subject of this sketch, the others being Anna, who died at Mt. Morris; James, who died at Monroe, this state, in 1910, and Margaret, wife of Charles Morford, of Kalamazoo. The mother of these children died in 1883 and the father survived until 1897. They were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith.

Thomas Francis Luby received his elementary education in the parochial and public schools of Kalamazoo and after his graduation from the high school there was sent to Assumption College at Sandwich, Ontario, from which he was graduated in 1895. Having dedicated his life to the service of the church he then entered St. Mary's Seminary at Cincinnati and was graduated from that institution in 1899, his ordination to holy orders following shortly after. Father Luby was ordained by the Rev. Bishop Foley at the cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul at Detroit on July 2, 1899, and his first charge was at Battle Creek, this state, where for four months he was in charge of a parish during the absence of the pastor. He then was sent as assistant priest to St. Leo's church at Detroit, where he remained four months, at the end of which time he was given charge of the parish of St. Mary's at Mt. Morris, together with the church of the Sacred Heart at Birch Run, and has ever since been pastor there. Not long after taking charge of his parish Father Luby found it necessary to rebuild the church near Birch Run and upon the completion of that work started to build the new St. Mary's church at Mt. Morris, which was completed at a cost of fifty thousand dollars, the edifice being regarded as one of the handsomest in this part of the state. In 1915 Father Luby started to rebuild his church at Birch Run, changing the location of the same to the village proper. The corner stone was laid in September, 1915, and the work will

be completed at a cost of about eighteen thousand dollars. Father Luby has a flourishing and prosperous parish and has done a notable work in and about Mt. Morris since he was installed as pastor there.

ROBERT BURNS BROWNE.

Genesee county seems to have attracted many of the enterprising citizens of England, who have come here from an overcrowded island of small dimensions to our broad land of vast opportunities, and here we have given them homes, in return for which they have shown their gratitude by becoming loyal and good citizens. Robert Burns Browne, a farmer of Thetford township, is one of this number. He was born in Yorkshire, England, on February 22, 1849, and is a son of William and Jane (Burns) Browne, both natives of England, where they were reared, married and established their home, but immigrated to the United States in 1850, when their son Robert B., was an infant. They lived in Niagara, New York, until 1860, when they moved to Michigan, locating in Thetford township, this county, where they spent the rest of their lives on a farm, the father dying on February 22, 1878, and the mother surviving him a few years. The father was a Democrat. He helped build the Evangelical church in Thetford township and was active in the affairs of his community, where he was held in high respect. His family consisted of nine children, two of whom are still living, J. T., a merchant at Bentonville, Arkansas, and Robert B., the subject of this sketch.

Robert B. Browne was reared on the home farm in Thetford township, where he worked hard when a boy assisting his father develop wild land. He received a limited education in the district schools and remained at home until 1876, when he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and became a truss-fitter with the Philadelphia Truss Company, which promoted him to the position of shipper. He remained with that firm about twelve years, giving eminent satisfaction, being considered one of the most expert truss-fitters in the country; then returned to Genesee county, locating on the old homestead on which he has remained ever since, becoming sole owner of the place which consists of one hundred and seven and one-fourth acres, in section 33, known as "Maple Grove Farm." He has kept the land well improved and well cultivated.

In 1882 Robert B. Browne was married to Cynthia H. Betts, who was born in Thetford township, this county, where she was reared and attended

school. Her parents were early settlers here. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Browne, seven of whom are still living, Elsie G., Charles W., Mabel I., Rhoda O., Everett B., Myrtle J. and Robert B., Jr., the deceased children having been Ada L., Ethel E. and Ray R. Elsie G. Browne married Henry Miller and has two children, Esther A. and Roy H. Charles W. Browne married Iva Brown and has four children, Florence H. and Frances M. (twins), Mildred M. and Irene M. Mabel I. Browne married Arthur Sines and has four children, Dorothy L., Ruth B., Charles R. and Eva G. Myrtle J. Browne married Earl Apper and has one child, Bernice Marion. Ada L. Browne, now deceased, married Charles Sinnott and had two children, Leroy D. and Robert A. In his political views Mr. Browne is a Socialist and for three years served the public in the capacity of overseer of Thetford township. He is affiliated with the Grange and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

FRANCIS HENRY CALLOW, M. D.

Dr. Francis Henry Callow, former president of the village of Mt. Morris and for years one of the best-known physicians and most substantial residents of that village, is a native of England, born in the city of London, but has been a resident of the United States since he was seventeen years of age and of Michigan since the year 1876. He was born on July 23, 1853, son of Francis and Mary Ann (Corrick) Callow, natives of England, both born in Devonshire, whose last days were spent in London.

Francis Callow was born in Devonshire, November 9, 1829, son of Francis and Elizabeth (Nethercot) Callow, both born in that same shire, the latter a daughter of Robert Nethercot, a farmer, who lived to be ninety-four years of age. He was reared on a farm in Devonshire and remained there until he had reached his majority, when he went to London and learned the baker's trade, later buying a confectionery store and was thus engaged in business the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1872, he then being forty-three years of age. His widow survived him many years. She was born in Devonshire in 1831, was married at Culmstock in 1851 and lived to be eighty-two years of age, her death occurring in 1913 in London. Francis and Mary Ann (Corrick) Callow were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Emily, who married a McGraw and is

now dead; John, who came to America and died in New York state; Florence, who married John Russell and is still living in London; James, who came to the United States and is now living at Rochester, New York, and Harry, who is in government employ in London.

After finishing his schooling in the grade schools of London, Francis H. Callow was for a time employed as a salesman in that city and when seventeen years old came to the United States, leaving London on March 31, 1871, sailing from Liverpool and arriving at Portland, Maine, on April 10, following. From that port he went to Brockport, New York, where he remained for five years and where, when twenty years of age, he married. For a time after locating at Brockport he was employed in a printing office, but presently engaged in farming near that place and was thus engaged for a little more than four years, at the end of which time, in 1876, he came to Michigan and bought a farm of thirty-seven acres in the vicinity of Paw Paw, where for five years, or until 1881, he was engaged in farming. In the meantime he had been pursuing a private course of study and recognizing the need of a more comprehensive educational course entered Hillsdale College and after a course of five years of study was graduated from that institution in 1886, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated from that institution, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1889. Thus admirably equipped for the practice of his profession, Doctor Callow, in that same year, located at Mt. Morris and has ever since been engaged in practice there. Doctor Callow has done well in his professional career and in addition to his property interests in Mt. Morris is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres east of the village. He is a Republican and ever since locating at Mt. Morris has taken an active interest in civic affairs, having served for three terms as president of the village, as a trustee for a number of terms and as a member of the school board for some years. Doctor Callow is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge of that order at Clio and of the chapter at Flint and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs. He is a member of the Genesee County Medical Society and of the Michigan State Medical Association and takes an interested part in the deliberations of both bodies.

It was on December 25, 1873, that Francis H. Callow was united in marriage to Sarah E. Hendrick, who was born on a farm near Brockport, New York, May 25, 1855, daughter of John A. and Sarah (Wirts) Hendrick, natives of New York, born in the vicinity of Rochester, of German

ancestry, who spent all the active years of their life on the farm near Brockport and who were the parents of twelve children, of whom Mrs. Callow was the ninth in order of birth, the others being Peter, Elizabeth, who married William Caldwell; Martha, who married Sylvester Edwards and who, together with her husband, is now deceased; Edwin C., John, Rose, who married George Snyder; Adelbert, Elvira, who married William Phillips and is now deceased; George, deceased; William B., who is living in Michigan, and Ella, who married Joseph Gillette. To Doctor and Mrs. Callow one child has been born, a daughter, Lulu M., who married Archibald Bray, a well-known stock buyer of Mt. Morris and is the mother of seven children, Francis A., Sadie B., Merilla C., Donna Dee (deceased), Belma, Gertrude and Clare W. Doctor and Mrs. Callow are members of the Baptist church and the Doctor is one of the trustees of the local church.

ALBERT F. ROSKA.

It is a privilege (which, however, all do not fully appreciate) to be able to spend our lives on the old home place. "The roof that heard our earliest cry" is a place hallowed to the memory. Albert F. Roska, a farmer of Mundy township, Genesee county, has been contented to remain at the old home, where he was born on May 23, 1870. He is a son of Ferdinand and Henrietta (Diedrick) Roska, both natives of Germany, where they grew to maturity on farms near the city of Berlin. The mother's parents were landowners, but his were common laborers. The name was originally Racekey, but has been simplified by later generations. Ferdinand Roska and wife were married in their native country and four children were born to them there, two of whom are now living. The family removed to the United States in 1869, coming direct to Flint, Michigan, and in a short time located on the farm of forty acres on Swartz creek, on the Maple Avenue road, on which the subject of this sketch now lives. The father purchased eighty acres where Sam Roska now lives. This being wild land, he set to work clearing it and getting it ready for the plow. He also worked in a saw-mill in Flint for some time. Later he moved his family onto the eighty acres where he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1911. He owned a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres at the time of his death. He and his sons worked together and they accumulated a total of about two hundred acres.

Albert F. Roska grew up on the home farm, where he worked when a boy, and received his education in the district schools. In April, 1898, he married Emily Adelaide Herrick, a daughter of Wilbur and Emily A. Herrick, of Flint township, Genesee county. Her mother died when she was a baby, but her father still lives, making his home in Flint. Mrs. Roska's death occurred on January 1, 1911. To Mr. and Mrs. Roska the following children were born: Minnie died when four years old; Ruth is attending high school in Swartz Creek; Grace is also attending high school; Floyd, Alton and Herbert are attending the district school. Politically, Mr. Roska is a Republican, and has been school director in his district for one term.

RALPH C. GILLETT.

Ralph C. Gillett, editor of the *Montrose Record*, was born at Montrose, this county, September 8, 1895, and was reared and educated in Montrose, and completed a business course in Flint, Michigan. For about ten years he was a correspondent for the *Flint Journal*, and later was a reporter for the same paper. He was also a reporter on the *Flint Evening Press* during the life of that paper. He then for some time was employed in the office of the *Montrose Record*, then under the management of R. L. Ford, and on December 4, 1914, bought the plant from Mr. Ford and has since been the editor and manager of the *Record*. Mr. Gillett was only nineteen years of age when he assumed the management of the paper and is recognized as being the youngest newspaper publisher in Michigan. He is also the publicity manager of the Flint River Valley Agricultural Society and one of the directors of that association.

Charles A. Gillett, father of Ralph C. Gillett, was born in Springville, Lenawee county, Michigan, August 18, 1871. When three weeks old his parents moved to Montrose and he was a resident there until his death, which occurred on October 6, 1908. At the time of his death he was justice of the peace and also town clerk. He was a charter member of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen at Montrose. He was married in September, 1894, to Jennie Judd, who was born in Mundy township, this county, and was reared and educated in that township, receiving her education in the district schools. She has been a resident of Montrose township for a period of thirty years. After the death of her first husband she married Burton Johnson, a resident of Montrose.

The paternal grandfather of Ralph C. Gillett was Horace L. Gillett, who was born in Pittsfield, Ohio, in 1840, and came to Michigan when ten years old, and was thrown entirely upon his own resources for a living. For a period of twenty years he resided in Lenawee county, engaged in farming. In 1870 he moved to what is now the town of Montrose, bought seventy-five acres of land and established his permanent homestead there. This entire acreage has been sold and now makes the town of Montrose. Horace L. Gillett married Mary Feller, August 10, 1862. She was born in New York, November 12, 1844, and came to Michigan at the age of twelve years. Two children were born to that union: Charles, father of the subject of this sketch, and Claude E., born on August 18, 1876, an engineer, now living at Saginaw, Michigan. Claude E. Gillett married Maude Squires and to that union two children were born, Violet, born in Montrose, November 7, 1906, and Harold, August 10, 1910.

Jennie (Judd) Gillett, mother of Ralph C. Gillett, is the daughter of George J. Judd, who was born in Devonshire, England, April 8, 1848, and who came with his parents to Michigan in 1855 and settled in Flint. George J. Judd remained there until 1876, when he married Frances Eccles and moved to Mundy township. Later, he moved to Vienna township, and then to Mt. Morris township. During the last thirty years of his life he lived on a farm located south of Montrose. He died on January 29, 1915. Besides Mr. Gillett's mother, the children of his family were Walter, LeRoy, Lewis and Mrs. Walter Keyser, of Flushing.

ALONZO J. COVERT.

Alonzo J. Covert, a well-known and substantial farmer and stock raiser of Gaines township, this county, proprietor of "Fairfield Farm," a pleasant place of one hundred and twenty acres in sections 15 and 22, of that township, and who for years has been actively identified with the civic interests of his home community, is a native of that section of the county and has lived in that neighborhood all his life. He was born on section 22 of Gaines township, July 23, 1866, son of John H. and Mary (Jewell) Covert, both natives of New York state, who had been residents of Michigan since the days of their childhood and who spent their last days in this county.

John H. Covert was born in Seneca county, New York, January 31, 1836, son of Burr Covert and wife and was little more than an infant when



ALONZO J. COVERT AND FAMILY.



RESIDENCE OF ALONZO J. COVERT.

his parents and their family came to Michigan in 1837 and settled in Rose township, Oakland county. There Burr Covert made his home until 1844, when he moved up into Genesee county, settling on a farm on the Baldwin road in Gaines township, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring not long after he had located there. On that pioneer farm John H. Covert grew to manhood. On July 4, 1859, he married Mary Jewell, who was born in Steuben county, New York, and who was but a child when her parents came to this state in 1843 and settled in Rose township, Oakland county, a short time later coming up into Genesee county, where they established their home. After his marriage John H. Covert established his home on a farm in section 26 of Gaines township, his house being situated on the Baldwin road, where he set up a cooper shop and was thus engaged for years. In 1864 he enlisted for service in one of the Michigan regiments and served as a soldier of the Union until the close of the war, at the end of which term of service he returned to his farm. Later he moved to a farm of forty acres which he bought in section 22, where he lived until 1897, engaged in carpentering and farming, and then moved to Mecosta county, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on November 27, 1915. He was a Republican in his political views and for years was an active member of Post Attention, Grand Army of the Republic, at Gaines.

John H. Covert was twice married. To his union with Mary Jewell five children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Jesse, who died in infancy; Alvina, wife of Joseph Harris, of Flint; Martin E., also of Flint, and Claude A., who is now living in Ontario. The mother of these children died in 1870 and on July 24, 1872, Mr. Covert married Phoebe Marble, daughter of David Marble, of Mundy township, this county, and who died on April 18, 1905, in Mecosta county, leaving three children, Lena M., wife of Abner Tibbetts, of Mundy township, this county; Charles H., of Mecosta county, and Mary I., wife of William Brewer, of Flint.

Alonzo J. Covert was but three years old when his mother died. He grew to manhood on the home farm and when twenty-three years old went to Flint, where he worked in the factories there for about seven months and where he was married in the summer of 1890. After his marriage Mr. Covert returned to farming, settling on the G. W. Gilbert farm in his old home township, where he lived two years, at the end of which time he moved to the Barlow farm in Mundy township. After three years there, he bought the place of eighty acres on which he is now living and to which he later

added an adjoining "forty," thus now having a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, to which he has given the very appropriate name of "Fairfield" and where he and his family are very pleasantly and comfortably situated. Mr. Covert is a Republican and has for years taken an active interest in the civic affairs of his home township, having served as constable, as township treasurer for two years, as a member of the board of review for eight years and as treasurer of his school district for twelve years.

On July 24, 1890, Alonzo J. Covert was united in marriage to Jennie Gilbert, who was born in Gaines township, this county, daughter of George W. and Diantha E. (Skinner) Gilbert, both natives of this state and for years well-known and substantial residents of Gaines township, this county. George W. Gilbert was born on a pioneer farm in Troy township, Oakland county, this state, posthumous son of George Gilbert, a native of the state of New York, and grew to manhood in that county. There he married Diantha E. Skinner, who was born in Novi township, in that same county, September 3, 1840, daughter of Harvey and Mary (Fuller) Skinner, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Massachusetts, who came to Michigan in territorial days and spent their last days here. Harvey Skinner was born at Putney, Vermont, and when a young man went over into New York state, where, on July 20, 1834, at Lima, he married Mary Fuller, who was born at Long Meadow, Massachusetts. In that year Harvey Skinner and his bride came to the territory of Michigan and settled in Novi township, Oakland county, thus having been among the very earliest settlers of that section of Michigan. There they spent the rest of their lives, both living to ripe old ages, Harvey Skinner dying on May 9, 1892, and his widow surviving him about a year, her death occurring on May 6, 1893. They were the parents of nine children, of whom five still survive, namely: Alfred, born on April 2, 1837, who is now living at Cascade, Iowa; Diantha, who married George W. Gilbert; Lucius, who lives in Elkhart county, Indiana; Henry C., who is now living in California, and Ellen A., wife of W. E. Nash, also of California. After his marriage George W. Gilbert settled on a farm in Gaines township, this county, and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on June 6, 1901. His widow survives him. They were the parents of five children, as follow: Henry, born in 1867, who is living on the old home farm in Gaines township; Jennie, who married Mr. Covert; Frances L., deceased; Bertie Ellen, wife of Dewitt Perry, of Gaines township, and Rutherford B., of Flint.

To Alonzo J. and Jennie (Gilbert) Covert one child has been born, a

daughter, Zadie L., born on September 16, 1897, who was graduated from the high school at Gaines and is at home with her parents. Mr. Covert is a member of the Masonic lodge at Swartz Creek and of the Grange and Gleaners, taking a warm interest in the affairs of these organizations, and he and his family take an earnest interest in the various social activities of their home community.

HON. MERTON W. FAIRBANK.

The Hon. Merton W. Fairbank, former representative in the Legislature from the second Genesee district, a former president of the village of Mt. Morris, supervisor of Genesee township, former justice of the peace in and for that township, an honored veteran of the Civil War and one of the best-known and most substantial retired farmers in the northern part of the county, now living at Mt. Morris, where he has made his home since 1903, is a native of the state of New York, but has been a continuous resident of Michigan since shortly after the close of the war. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Sweden, in Monroe county, New York, September 10, 1847, son of Joseph and Sophrona (Coledge) Fairbank, natives of Vermont, whose last days were spent in New York state.

The Fairbank family is one of the old families in America, the founder of the family having settled at Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1634. The brick house he erected in that colony is still standing and is the center of the annual reunions of the Fairbank, or Fairbanks, families of America, these annual affairs being probably the largest and most representative family reunions held in the United States. This is the family from which Charles W. Fairbanks, former Vice-President of the United States, descended and representatives of the family are found in important walks of life all along the line. Joseph Fairbank was the son of Captain Fairbank, an officer in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. He grew to manhood on a farm in Vermont and there married Sophronia Coledge, immediately thereafter moving into New York state and settling in Monroe county, in the neighborhood of Churchville, later moving to a farm in the vicinity of Sweden, in that same county, and still later to a farm in Wilson township, Niagara county, same state, where his wife died. He then, in 1860, came to Michigan and made his home in Lapeer county for a couple of years, at the end of which time he returned to New York, locating at his old home in Sweden and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in

1872, he then being seventy-two years of age. He was a Republican and a member of the Congregational church. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, of whom two now survive, Edwin O. and Merton W.

Merton W. Fairbank was reared on the farm and received his schooling in the schools of his native state and in Michigan, he having been about thirteen years of age when his father came to this state in 1860. Two years later he returned with his father to New York state and began to work for his oldest brother on a farm and was thus engaged, when, on September 7, 1864, he then being a few days under seventeen years of age, he enlisted in the Third New York Cavalry, a member of Company M, and served until the close of the Civil War, being promoted to the rank of corporal. His company was mainly engaged in scout duty, attached to the Army of the James, and was not discharged until some time after the close of the war, Mr. Fairbank's service covering a period of one year and three months. Upon the conclusion of his military service he returned to Monroe county, New York, and for two years thereafter was again engaged in working for his brother on the farm in Sweden township. He then, in the latter part of 1867, came to Michigan, the state in which he had spent a couple of years when a boy, and located at Mt. Morris. Shortly afterward he bought a tract of land not far from the village, in Genesee township, and began to clear the same and bring it under cultivation. The next year he married and established his home on that farm. As his farming operations prospered he gradually added to his holdings until he became recognized as one of the most substantial farmers in that part of the county. In 1907 Mr. Fairbank sold his farm and moved to Mt. Morris, where he built a comfortable residence and has since then made his home there, being very pleasantly situated.

Mr. Fairbank is a Republican and for many years has been looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in the northern part of the county. In 1890 he was elected township treasurer and held that office for two terms. Soon afterward he was elected township supervisor and held that office for twelve years, or until his election to a seat in the lower house of the Michigan General Assembly in 1904, as a representative from the second Genesee district. He was re-elected representative in 1906 and thus served two terms in the Legislature, during which time he rendered admirable service in behalf of his district and the state at large. During his service in the House Mr. Fairbank was a member of the important committee on state affairs and on Marquette prison and did good work. Soon after returning home from Lansing he again was elected supervisor of his home township

and has ever since continued to serve in that capacity. Mr. Fairbank also served for two years as justice of the peace in and for his home township, has served as a member of the town board and as president of the village of Mt. Morris and in other ways has contributed of his time and his services to the civic life of his community. He has for years been active as an administrator of estates in the community of which he so long has been a resident and more than fifty estates have been probated in the Genesee court under his careful administration.

Merton W. Fairbank has been twice married. It was in 1868 that he was united in marriage, in Genesee township, this county, to Julia C. Rogers, who was born in the state of New York and who had come to this county with her parents, Don C. and Margaret (Alexander) Rogers, natives of New York state, who came to Michigan in the fifties, settling in Genesee township and becoming prominent pioneers of that part of the county. Mrs. Julia Fairbank died in 1888 and in 1890 Mr. Fairbank married, secondly, Mrs. Lucy (Shaw) Todd, who was born in Oakland county, this state, and who is still living. Mr. Fairbank is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and is a member of the Masonic lodge at Clio. He and his wife take a proper interest in the general social activities of their home town and are helpful in the promotion of all movements having to do with the advancement of the general interests of that community.

JAMES J. JONES.

James J. Jones, merchant and postmaster at Clio, was born in Arcade, Wyoming county, New York, April 24, 1870, a son of Daniel Frederick and Amanda F. (Gleason) Jones. Daniel F. Jones was born in Arcade, Wyoming county, New York, and his wife was born in Rutland, Vermont. Daniel Jones was a son of Josiah and Elanore (Bakeman) Jones, the former a native of Massachusetts, and the latter of the Mohawk Valley, in western New York. Elanore Bakeman was a daughter of David Frederick Bakeman, who was the last Revolutionary soldier to be granted a pension, and this by a special act of Congress. He lived at Freedom, New York, and died there at the age of one hundred and nine years. He never failed to celebrate the Fourth of July even unto the last Independence Day prior to his passing away. Representatives of the United States government, at the solicitation of the Daughters of American Revolution, erected a tablet

to his memory at Freedom in the fall of 1915. His wife attained the age of one hundred and ten years.

Josiah Jones, grandfather of James J. Jones, followed the occupation of a farmer all his life. He was born in Massachusetts and moved to Arcade, New York, when a child and there he lived until his death at the age of sixty-five years. The children in this family were George, Almira, who married Lyman D. Gleason; Daniel Frederick, Harley, Anson, David, Ida, who married Edward Unverdorber, and William. Two other children died in infancy.

Daniel Frederick Jones, lived in Arcade, New York, until 1881, when he and his family came to Michigan and settled on a farm, in Vienna township, this county, one mile south and a half mile east of Clio. He bought eighty acres of land, built a home, improved the land, and has made that place his home since. He is a Democrat in politics and takes an active interest in the affairs of his party. Amanda F. (Gleason) Jones, mother of James J. Jones, was married at Cold Creek, New York, December 21, 1863, and to that union five children were born, namely: Ithurmur F., who died in November, 1893; Cora, who married Edmund Mercer, a farmer, living at Beavertown, Michigan; James J., the subject of this sketch; Stella A., who married John Herbert Eagen, engaged in the auto business at Flint, and Walter A., who married Clara Mead, living on a farm near the home of his father, and has one son, Bryan. The mother of these children died on March 27, 1908, aged sixty-two years.

James J. Jones began his education while living at Arcade, New York. After coming to Michigan he attended the district schools and the Clio high school. He then taught school for two years, one year at the Diamond school in Vienna township, and one year at the Moran school in Montrose township. He then took a position in the hardware store of C. H. Mann, in Clio, and continued in that position for seven years, at the end of which time, in 1899, he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, William A. Haven, and engaged in the hardware business. For three years the place of business of this firm was in the Willis block, in Clio, then removed to the Rundlett building, remaining there for four years, and then moved to the present site. Starting with a small stock the business of this firm has grown steadily and it now has a large stock of everything in its line and is doing an extensive business, under the firm name of the Jones & Haven Hardware Company.

James J. Jones and Rose C. Haven were united in marriage on September 16, 1896. To this union three children have been born, one of

whom died in infancy, those living being Ralph, born on August 13, 1899, and Paul, June 14, 1904. Mrs. Jones is a daughter of Ahira and Roseanna (Whitehouse) Haven. Ahira Haven, a native of Ohio, came to Michigan when a boy and grew to manhood in his home in Thetford township. Roseanna Whitehouse was born in Thetford township, this county, and was married at her home in that township. To that union five children were born: Latt M., who married William J. Lucas and is now living in New York; Rose, wife of Mr. Jones; William A., Flora E., who is teaching school, and Frank R., a resident of Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Jones was born on July 28, 1874, in Thetford township. She was educated in the district schools of that township and was graduated from the Clio high school, being a member of the first class to graduate from that school. She then taught school for three years before her marriage.

In 1904 James J. Jones bought a farm near Clio, and has since been giving that place a considerable share of his attention, making a specialty of small fruit cultivation. He has added to his original purchase and now has a fine farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres. He is a Democrat in politics and is an active and influential worker in his party. In 1896 he was elected township clerk, and was re-elected for four consecutive terms. On February 29, 1915, he was appointed postmaster of Clio, and is now giving his attention to the duties of that office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a life-long official in that church. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, record-keeper of the local tent of that order, and is also a member of the L. O. L.

FRANK P. SAYRE.

Frank P. Sayre, of Flushing, was born in Schuylkill county, New York, January 5, 1861, and was three years of age when he came with his parents to this county. He was educated in the Flushing schools and upon completing the course there taught school for a time and then attended the University of Michigan. He was educated as a lawyer and for some time practiced that profession, but is now giving his chief attention to farming and fruit growing. For eighteen years Mr. Sayre has been a member of the board of control of the State Industrial School at Lansing, having been appointed successively to that position by Governor Pingree, Governor Warner and Governor Osborn.

In 1886 Mr. Sayre was united in marriage to Hattie M. Cotcher, who

died in 1903, and in 1908 he married Alfa R. Halliwill. In a biographical sketch relating to Mr. Sayre's elder brother, Ira T. Sayre, presented elsewhere in this volume, there is set out at some length further details of the history of the Sayre family in this county.

HON. GEORGE C. MYERS.

George C. Myers, a prominent and successful farmer of Burton township and the proprietor of the "Fairview Farm," six miles southeast of Flint, was born in Otsego county, New York, on July 10, 1863, being the son of George L. and Nancy (Somers) Myers.

George L. Myers and wife were natives of the state of New York, he having been born in Otsego county and she in Schoharie county. They grew to manhood and womanhood in their native state and were there educated. They were later married and were the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living: Eliza, the wife of D. D. Pratt, of Flint; Mary J., deceased; Charles H., a farmer in Grand Blanc township; Elizabeth, the widow of Frank Herman, lives in Swartz Creek; Peter S., of Grand Blanc; Abraham A.; Lucy W., the wife of Charles Coats, of Burton township, and George C.

George C. Myers was past three years of age when he came with his parents to Genesee county. The family located on the farm he now owns and here he grew to manhood and was educated in the district schools and the Flint high school. After completing his education, he engaged in farming and lived at home until his marriage.

On March 14, 1884, George C. Myers was united in marriage to Carrie E. Estes, the daughter of Peter D. and Lovina J. Estes, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. After the marriage of Mr. Myers he and his wife took up their residence on the Myers farm of eighty acres, which he now owns, as well as an interest in another eighty which he and his son own together.

George C. Myers and wife became the parents of four children: Raymond E., a graduate of the Flint Business College and a prominent farmer. He was united in marriage to Edith I. Lash and they are the parents of one child, Geraldine, born on December 18, 1915; Glenn H., a graduate of the Flint high school and the Michigan Agricultural College and at present a teacher of manual training, at Iron Mountain, was married to Minnie E.



Geo. C. Myers



C. E. Myers.

Baab and they have one child, Robert G., who was born on January 28, 1916; Fern A. is the wife of Edward W. Tomkinson of Grand Blanc, and they are parents of one son, Harold, born on June 17, 1914; Ruth E., who was educated in the Flint high school, married Neal W. Betts, of Flint.

Mrs. George C. Myers died on November 15, 1915. She and Mr. Myers were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Myers at present is a member of the official board and one of the stewards and has served as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Politically, Mr. Myers is a Republican and has served two years as township treasurer, is serving his third term as school director, justice of the peace three years and supervisor five years. In 1910 he was elected to represent his county in the Legislature and served in the regular session and two special sessions of 1911. While a member of the Legislature, he had enacted a law establishing the free employment bureau in his district. He is a past master of the Burton Center Grange and is a member of the Ancient Order of Gleaners.

NELSON G. DAKE.

The gentleman whose life history is here briefly delineated is a worthy representative of the great middle class of Americans from which the true noblemen of the republic spring. But Mr. Dake has made no effort to be a leader of men, being contented to lead an honest, industrious and conservative life, desiring no other title than that of good citizen.

Nelson G. Dake, farmer, of Montrose township, Genesee county, was born in Macomb county, Michigan, February 15, 1851, and is a son of William and Alma (Wells) Dake. The father was born in 1825 in Canada, where he resided until he was twenty-five years of age. Upon coming to Michigan, he settled in Wayne county, and a few years later moved to Macomb county, thence to Genesee county, but later moved to Midland county, where he bought a farm of eighty acres on which he spent ten years, then returned to Genesee county. He spent the rest of his life here, dying in 1909 at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was a Democrat and belonged to the Baptist church. His wife was born in Canada in March, 1836, and her death occurred in March, 1916, at the age of eighty years. To these parents five children were born, namely: Nelson G., of this sketch; Eureka married J. B. Fralich; Crawley P. is deceased; Cinderella is the wife of James Howett; Clayton is deceased.

Nelson G. Dake grew up on the home farm and was educated in the public schools. He was about sixteen years old when he started out in life for himself, working as a farm hand by the year. When about twenty-one years old he began farming for himself, buying forty acres in Thetford township, on which he lived for five years. He then sold out and rented a farm in Montrose township, later buying eighty acres in section 26 of that township, then forty acres in section 35 and forty acres in section 26. He finally sold part of his land to his son and is now operating eighty acres. He has kept his land under a good state of cultivation and improvement. He also owns rental property in the village of Montrose, in which place he lived for four years, then returned to his farm.

Mr. Dake was married in 1872 to Mary Harmon, who was born in Wayne county, Michigan, February 17, 1852. To this union seven children have been born, namely: William is the eldest; Minnie is the wife of J. W. Chase; Cash was next in order of birth; Ina is the wife of Arthur Bailey and they reside at Lockport, New York; Arthur is at home; Earl is also a member of the family circle and Lizzie is the wife of Harley McDowel.

Mr. Dake is a Democrat and has long been active and influential in local public affairs. He has served on the school board and as township assessor in Thetford township, was also a member of the school board in Montrose village and was moderator there. He was elected township supervisor in 1898 and served three terms in succession; after being out one year he was again elected and served three more terms. During his service as supervisor, the village of Montrose was incorporated. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Gleaners. Religiously, he belongs to the Baptist church.

EDWARD L. BEEMAN.

Edward L. Beeman, a well-known merchant at Clio, was born on January 26, 1868, a son of Isaac M. Beeman, who was born in New York state, September 25, 1837. The elder Beeman came to Michigan in 1858 and was engaged for a time in teaching school in this state. In the year 1858 he taught one term in Oakland county and in 1859 and 1860 he taught in Genesee county. He then engaged in the jobbing business, which he continued until 1863. Following this he was employed by E. A. Huych, of Clio, in the grocery business, remaining thus employed until the fall of 1864.

when he engaged in the grocery business on his own account, occupying the store room of his former employer. Later he enlarged his business to include a line of general merchandise. In 1889 he took his son, E. L. Beeman, as a partner in the business, this partnership continuing until 1900, when the partnership was dissolved and the senior Beeman turned his attention to farming, which he continued until 1912, in which year he sold his farm and engaged in the real-estate and rental business, with an office in Clio, becoming one of the foremost citizens for the promotion of the industrial and business interests of that village. There is probably not a citizen who has donated more for the public improvement and the general welfare of the town than he has done.

The paternal grandfather of Edward L. Beeman was Lexis Beeman, who was born in New York state in 1804. He was a carpenter by trade and came to Michigan in 1848, settling in Oakland county. He died in February, 1856. He married Mary Ann Mosler, a native of New York. She died in 1859. She was the mother of eight children: Aisab, born on December 26, 1823; Julia, March 26, 1826; Mary Jane, January 29, 1828; Louisa, June 23, 1829; Sylvia, May 4, 1832; Eliza, November 19, 1835; Isaac, September 25, 1839, and Charles, February 6, 1840. The paternal great-grandfather of Edward L. Beeman was Isaac Beeman, born in New York state in 1755.

Isaac M. Beeman, father of the subject of this sketch, was married in August, 1862, to Elizabeth J. Bean, who was born in Ohio, July 13, 1844, and to this union six children were born, namely: Carrie, born on October 31, 1863, who died on January 14, 1867; Orin E., March 1, 1866, who died on January 31, 1867; Nellie, September 19, 1874, who died on February 6, 1875; Edward L., the subject of this sketch; William H., August 11, 1870, and Carlton C., February 28, 1878. William H. Beeman married Lola Parker and has one child, Eula E. Carlton C. Beeman married Minnie McCann and has one child, Edward.

Edward L. Beeman was educated in the schools at Clio, and after completing his school studies he engaged in business in partnership with his father, at the age of twenty-one years. He succeeded his father in the entire control of the business on the dissolution of the partnership in 1901, and has continued the business in his own name since that time. In his political affiliation, Mr. Beeman is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs. He is a thirty-second degree, or Scottish Rite, Mason, a Knight Templar and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a member of the blue lodge at Clio, of the chapter, the

council and the commandery at Flint and of Moslem Shrine and the Michigan sovereign consistory at Detroit. He also is a member of the Flint lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Edward L. Beeman married Ella La Due, who was born in Bellaire, Ohio, October 13, 1876, a daughter of Joseph A. and Roxanna (Blackston) La Due, the former born on February 11, 1839, and the latter, September 14, 1858.

Mr. Beeman's father, Isaac M. Beeman, is a Republican, and has the proud distinction of having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has served as justice of the peace, in Clio, for eight years; has served as a member of the village council and has been president of the council at different times. He has been treasurer of the Clio Woodlawn Cemetery Association for the past thirty years. His church affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal church.

MRS. JENNIE E. WILBER SANFORD.

In this day and age women are found successfully competing with men in most all occupations and lines of business, especially the professions. It is not an uncommon thing to find them operating farms in the West and their independence and courage are to be admired and commended. One such is Mrs. Jennie E. Wilber Sanford, proprietress of "The Maples," a small but well regulated farm in Thetford township, Genesee county. She was born on this farm on October 21, 1871, and is a daughter of Ithiel W. and Aurilla M. (Gould) Wilber. The father was born in Newberry, Ohio, May 12, 1829, and the mother was born near Gilford, Vermont, April 7, 1832. The latter came with her parents to Ohio when young and there grew up and was married to Mr. Wilber on July 5, 1853, by her father, Rev. Simon Gould, a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church. Ithiel W. Wilber and wife lived in Ohio some time after their marriage, but sold out in 1855 and came to Tuscola county, Michigan, later to Genesee county, locating on a farm in Thetford township, where they spent the rest of their lives, the father reaching an advanced age, dying in 1903. He was a Republican and a Mason. His family consisted of five children, namely: Fred J. is farming in Thetford township; Leslie died when eleven years old; Belle is the wife of George Geiger; Clara died when seventeen years old; Jennie E., the immediate subject of this sketch.

Jennie E. Sanford grew up on the home farm and received her educa-

tion in the common schools of Thetford township. Later she took a course in music at the normal school in Flint, where she made rapid progress, being gifted in this branch of the fine arts by nature, and she taught school for some time and also gave music lessons successfully. On October 8, 1893, she married Edmund Sanford, who was born in Forest township, Genesee county, September 5, 1864, and there he grew to manhood and received his education in the common schools. He devoted his active life successfully to agricultural pursuits. His death occurred on January 9, 1900.

To Edmund Sanford and wife five children were born, namely: Bernice Aurilla, born July 11, 1895, is a graduate of Clio high school and the Flint normal school; she is now teaching school, and is organist at the Methodist church near the homestead; Hazel Estell and Marjorie Belle, twins, were born on December 1, 1896, are single and live at home; Dorothy Kathryn, born February 13, 1899, is attending Clio high school; Roy W. died in infancy on March 12, 1901.

Mrs. Sanford and children attend the Methodist church. Her farm consists of forty acres, which is well improved and well cultivated. She is a woman of sound judgment and business ability and has a host of friends throughout the neighborhood.

WILLIAM H. DAVIE.

William H. Davie, a prominent farmer of Genesee county, was born in Flushing township on September 11, 1865, being the son of Lyman E. and Puella L. (Parsall) Davie. Lyman E. Davie was born on April 15, 1841, at Eagle Village, New York, the son of Edward P. Davie and wife, both natives of the state of New York. At the age of three years, Lyman E. came with his parents to Michigan and settled in Mundy township, three miles west of Flint. Here Edward P. Davie opened a blacksmith and wood shop, which he operated until 1861, at which time he enlisted in a Michigan regiment and served in the army for about four years. At the close of the Civil War he returned to Michigan and opened a shop at Ossego, where he remained until he removed his shop to Luddington, and here conducted the same until his death in 1891. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and took an active part in local politics, as a Democrat.

To Edward P. Davie and wife were born the following children: Martha, the wife of J. B. Washborn; Leo, William H., Lyman E., Jefferson,

Edward, James, Lottie and Rastus. Mrs. Davie was a native of the state of New York, where she was born in 1809, and died at her home in Luddington in 1883.

Lyman E. Davie remained at home until 1861, at which time he made a visit to the state of New York and there enlisted in a New York regiment for service in the Civil War. He was later transferred to a Michigan regiment, under Colonel Lutman, and attained the rank of captain. In 1863 he came home on a furlough and was married, on February 22, of that year, to Puella L. Parsell, who returned with him to the front.

Puella L. (Parsell) Davie was born on August 8, 1842, in Flushing township, being the daughter of Robert P. Parsell and wife, prominent residents of the county. Mrs. Davie died in 1897. She was the mother of William H. and Robert P. Davie, Elizabeth A. Moss, the wife of Charles T. Moss, of Flushing, and Laura Ellis, the wife of Ray Ellis, of Lemon.

Lyman E. Davie had learned the blacksmith trade before the Civil War and after his return from that conflict he opened a shop at Flushing, where he remained for a number of years. He later bought a farm northwest of Flushing, where he made his home. He also owned one hundred and sixty acres in Nebraska and six hundred and forty acres in Kansas. He died in Flushing in 1907. Fraternally, Mr. Davie was a Free and Accepted Mason and belonged to the Knights Templar at Detroit.

William H. Davie grew to manhood and was educated in the schools of Flushing township, remaining at home until his marriage to Gertrude Turner. After his marriage he removed to Colorado and worked for a time in a grocery store at Colorado Springs. He also clerked in a drug store there and later conducted one of his own, first at Victor and then at Florence, Colorado. Having sold his drug business, he located on a ranch at Buford, where he remained for one year. In 1909 he returned to Michigan and purchased his present farm of ninety-seven acres in Flushing township. He has a large gravel pit on the place and furnishes a large amount of gravel for the roads of that section. He does general farming and raises cattle and hogs. He has a large number of hogs and some fine registered Jersey cattle.

Politically, Mr. Davie is a Republican and has always taken an active part in local politics. While living in Colorado he served on the central committee. Fraternally, he is a Free and Accepted Mason and has attained the Royal Arch degrees; he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. His membership in these orders are all held in Colorado.

Gertrude Turner Davie, the daughter of Brunson and Caroline (Chan-

berlin) Turner, was born on December 28, 1863, in Flushing township. Her parents were natives of the state of New York, Brunson Turner having been born, on May 15, 1823, at Pine Plains and Caroline Chamberlin Turner on August 21, 1826, at Scotia. They grew to manhood and womanhood in their native state and were there married. In 1854, soon after their marriage, they came to Michigan and for a time lived in Maple Grove, Saginaw county. They later located in Flushing township and made this their future home. Mr. Turner was by trade a mason, but devoted much of his life to farming, being a large landowner. For many years he was one of the prominent business men of Flushing. His death occurred on February 24, 1908, and Mrs. Turner died on October 15, 1907.

Brunson Turner and wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and took much interest in all church work. Politically, Mr. Turner was a Republican and served his township as justice of the peace. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for many years.

Brunson and Caroline Turner were the parents of the following children: Mary Ellen, the wife of Charles A. Smith, of Flushing; Lillian, the wife of James L. Huks, of California; Adella, the wife of George Renoyer, of Flushing; Byran, deceased; Alice, deceased, was the wife of J. W. Moland; Carrie; Gertrude, (Mrs. Davie); Nellie, the wife of H. H. Charter, of Flushing; Herbert, deceased; Grace, the wife of Ray Ballard, and Viola, the wife of Jessie McMichael, of California.

William H. and Gertrude Davie are the parents of one child, Mildred C., who is talented in music and is at present teaching music in the Baker Business College, at Flint.

BISMARCK KAHL.

For various reasons, often through necessity, man leaves his childhood home and seeks his fortune in other countries, even seldom revisiting the hearthstone around which he played as a child. Fate has favored Bismark Kahl, a farmer of Flushing township, this county, in permitting him to spend his life on the homestead, and he is still living on the farm on which he was born, October 28, 1871. He is a son of Henry and Maggie (Church) Kahl, both natives of Ohio, where they spent their earlier years, coming to Michigan shortly after the Civil War, in which the father participated. He is now living retired in Brent Creek, after an active life as a general farmer. His family consists of eight children.

Bismark Kahl grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. He has always engaged in farming on the home place which he now owns, with the exception of eight years, six of which were spent on a farm west of Brent Creek, working as a hired hand, the other two years were spent in the elevator at Brent Creek, which business he later bought, in 1906, and he has made a pronounced success in this line of endeavor, a large annual business being carried on. He is one of the stockholders and a director, also secretary of the company. He divides his attention between the elevator and his farm, which latter he has kept well improved and is there carrying on general farming and stock raising.

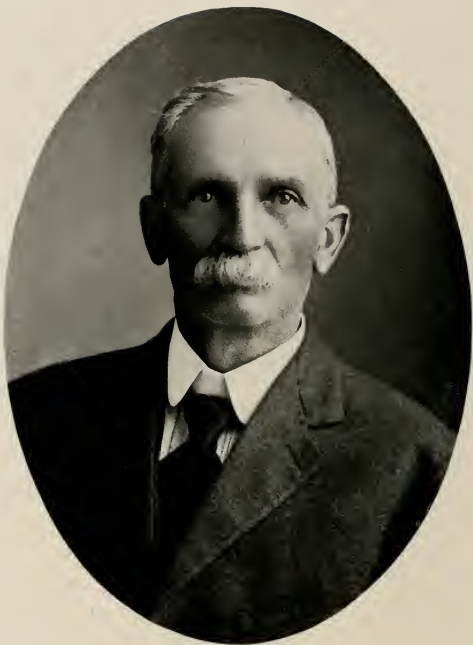
Mr. Kahl was married in 1900 to Fannie Kelland, who was born in Flushing township, this county, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Thomas and Martha (Wood) Kelland. The father was born in England, from which country he emigrated to the United States when a young man, coming to Michigan and locating first in Flint, where he met and married Martha Wood. He spent the major portion of the rest of his life on the farm where his wife was born. His death occurred in March, 1908. His widow is now living with her son, George, in Flushing. She had but one other child, Fannie, wife of Mr. Kahl, the subject of this sketch.

Politically, Mr. Kahl is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order at New Lathrop, in which lodge he has passed part of the chairs. He is also a member of Lodge No. 319, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at New Lathrop, and has passed all the chairs in the same. He is also a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

JOHN R. MACOMBER.

John R. Macomber, a well-known retired miller, living in the pleasant village of Atlas, this county, was born in that village and has lived there all his life. He was born on April 2, 1846, son of Austin and Jane (McNeice) Macomber, the former a native of the state of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ireland, who spent their last days in this county.

Austin Macomber, who was born on April 27, 1813, and died on May 6, 1857, was a son of John and Silence Macomber, who moved from Pennsylvania to Genesee county, New York, when he was a child and in that latter county he grew to manhood, remaining there until he was about twenty-four



John B Macomber



MARY I. MACOMBER AND FIVE GENERATIONS OF THE McCANDLISH FAMILY.

years of age. He was a carpenter and in 1843 came to Michigan, settling at Atlas, in this county, and pursued his vocation there until a few years before his death, when he moved to Goodrich, where he died at the age of forty-four years. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Austin Macomber was twice married. His first wife, who was a Waugh, died in New York state, leaving one child, a daughter, Angeline, who died many years ago. He then, on January 12, 1843, shortly before coming to Michigan, married, at Leroy, Genesee county, New York, Jane McNeice, who was born in Dungannon, Ireland, May 16, 1818, and who died on September 12, 1880. She was a daughter of John and Rebecca McNeice, who emigrated to Canada, where they died not long afterward, leaving their daughter a mere child. She grew up in the household of Sidney Warner, in Genesee county, New York, where she was living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Macomber. To that union three children were born, Harriet F., who died when eighteen years old; John R., the subject of this sketch, and James A., who died in 1888, leaving two daughters.

Austin Macomber's father, John Macomber, was born on July 18, 1769, and died on March 25, 1834; his mother, Silence Macomber, was born on April 9, 1779, and died on March 20, 1854.

John R. Macomber was about eleven years old when his father died and he grew up in the village of Atlas, for a few years in his young manhood following farming. He married in 1870 and in 1873 became employed in the flour-mill at Atlas, where he remained for many years, becoming one of the best-known millers in this part of the state. When the owner of the Atlas mill, Mr. Atherton, died in 1896, Mr. Macomber was placed in charge of the same and operated it for Mrs. Atherton until she sold the mill in 1908, after which, for two or three years, he was employed in the mills at Goodrich and Grand Blanc and then returned to his established home at Atlas, where he has since been living practically retired.

It was on September 22, 1870, that John R. Macomber was united in marriage to Mary I. McCandlish, who was born at Hyde Park, a suburb of New York City, March 27, 1847, daughter of John and Margaret (Stevens) McCandlish, who came to Michigan and settled in Atlas township, this county, in 1847, a biographical record of whom is set out in a memorial sketch relating to John McCandlish, presented elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Macomber was but an infant when her parents came to this county and she grew to womanhood on the home farm, where she was living at the time of

her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Macomber have been born three children, Letitia, Earl D. and Roy W., all of whom are still living. Letitia Macomber married William Niles and lived at Detroit until 1915, when she was taken seriously ill while on a visit to her parents in Atlas and has since been compelled to remain there by reason of her invalid condition. She is the mother of two children, Gladys and Wayne. Gladys Niles married James Reed, of Atlas, and has a little son, William James. Earl D. Macomber married Jessie King, of Detroit, and makes his home in Atlas. Roy W. Macomber, who is in the employ of the Edison Light and Power Company at Detroit, makes his home at Dearborn, a suburb on the western edge of that city. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Macomber are members of the Baptist church and for years have been among the leaders in good works in their community. For a time their household sheltered and gave residence to five generations of the same family. That was during the time of the residence there of Mrs. Macomber's mother, the venerable Mrs. Margaret McCandlish, who lived to the great age of ninety-three years, she and her daughter, Mrs. Macomber, the latter's daughter, Mrs. Niles, the latter's daughter, Mrs. Reed, and the latter's son, William James Reed, constituted the five generations. A photograph of the five, taken in a group, attracted much attention at the time it was taken, being published in Detroit newspapers and in the newspapers of several other cities, and is reproduced in this work.

MARSHALL C. LEFURGEY.

Marshall C. Lefurgey, postmaster at Mt. Morris and for years engaged in the undertaking business at that place, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Lenox township, Macomb county, December 25, 1866, son of Dennis and Rachael (Seaman) Lefurgey, natives of the state of New York, of French and German ancestry, members of pioneer families in Macomb county and the former of whom is still living, making his home at New Haven, where he has been living retired for some years.

Dennis Lefurgey was born on a farm near Sodus, New York, on August 16, 1839, son of Jacob and Mary Ann (Wright) Lefurgey, natives of that same state, who came to Michigan with their family about 1855 and settled in Maconib county, where they spent the rest of their lives, Jacob Lefurgey being eighty-nine years of age at the time of his death, and his

wife eighty-four. They were the parents of four children, namely: Mary Jane, who married Edwin Collins and is now living at New Haven, this state; James, now deceased, for years a substantial farmer of Macomb county; Sarah, who married Charles Tubbs, of Detroit, and Dennis. The latter was about sixteen years old when he came to Michigan with his parents from New York and he grew up on the paternal farm in that county, remaining at home until his marriage, after which he bought a farm in Ray township, Macomb county, where he lived for a few years, at the end of which time he sold his farm and engaged in the mercantile business at New Haven, where he conducted a general store for seventeen years. He then sold the store and bought a farm in Chesterfield township, that same county, where he lived for five or six years, at the end of which time he sold the farm and engaged in business at Meade and continued thus engaged until his retirement from business and return to New Haven, where he has since lived retired.

Dennis Lefurgey was twice married. His first wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was Rachael Seaman, who was born in New York and whose parents, natives of that same state, came to Michigan and settled in Macomb county about the same time that Grandfather Lefurgey and his family settled there. Grandfather Seaman became a substantial pioneer farmer and he and his wife spent their last days on their farm in Macomb county. Grandmother Seaman before her marriage was Margaret Dumsbach. There were five children in the Seaman family, of whom but one now survives, Margaret, the last-born, the others having been Mrs. Lydia Woodward, John, who left home when sixteen years of age and went to sea, remaining a sailor the rest of his life; Henry and Rachael. To Dennis and Rachael (Seaman) Lefurgey three children were born, Mary, who died when sixteen years of age; Marshall C., the subject of this biographical sketch, and Vashti, who married the Rev. S. F. Dimmock, a Baptist minister, now living at Medina, Ohio. The mother of these children died in 1869 and in 1873 Dennis Lefurgey married Clara Carl, who was born in Macomb county, this state, daughter of David Carl and wife, both now deceased, the former of whom was a well-known farmer and undertaker.

Marshall C. Lefurgey received his schooling in the schools of New Haven and early began working on his own account, engaged in various forms of occupation in and about New Haven and working for an uncle on the farm. After his marriage in the summer of 1888 he bought a farm in Macomb county and farmed the same for four years, at the end of which time he sold his place and formed a partnership with his father in the grocery business at Meade and was thus engaged until the store was sold and the

elder Lefurgey retired from business. Marshall C. Lefurgey then, in 1902, moved to Mt. Morris and engaged in the undertaking business and has ever since been thus engaged at that place, being one of the best-known funeral directors in that part of the state. Mr. Lefurgey is a Democrat and has long given his thoughtful attention to local political affairs, being regarded as one of the leaders of his party in the northern part of the county. In 1915 he received his commission as postmaster of Mt. Morris and has ever since been administering the affairs of that office there.

It was on July 4, 1888, that Marshall C. Lefurgey was united in marriage to Louisa Todd, who was born in Gratiot county, this state, in June, 1870, and to this union three children have been born, Linn, who died when twenty-two years of age, and Ethel and Floy, who are at home with their parents. Mr. Lefurgey is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

EDWARD C. VAN DEWALKER.

Edward C. Van DeWalker, well-known banker at Mt. Morris, treasurer of that village and otherwise actively identified with the business and civic interests of the northern part of Genesee county, is a native of the state of New York, but has been a resident of Michigan since the year 1899. He was born at Chadwicks, in Oneida county, New York, October 28, 1869, son of William and Susan (Wolfe) Van DeWalker, both natives of central New York state, whose lives were spent in that state, for many years having been prominent residents of the city of Utica. William Van DeWalker was for years a merchant and hotel keeper at Utica and took an active part in the affairs of that city. Both he and his wife spent their last days in that city, he having been sixty years of age at the time of his death. They were the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy, the survivors being Mildred, widow of Henry Addington, of Utica, and the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Addington is now making her home with her brother at Mt. Morris.

Following his graduation from the high school at Utica, New York, Edward C. Van DeWalker engaged in business with his father and was for some time thus engaged. He married in 1890 and some time later turned his attention to the study of medicine, entering the medical department of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1899. He opened an office for the practice of his profession at Suttons Bay, this state,

and was engaged in practice there for seven years, at the end of which time failing health determined him to give up the practice of medicine. He then went to Kingsley, this state, where he bought an interest in the Bank of Kingsley and was actively engaged in the banking business there until 1911, when he sold his interests at that place and bought a half interest in the Bank of Mt. Morris. Mr. Van DeWalker moved to Mt. Morris upon acquiring his banking interests there and has ever since made his home there. He is in active charge of the bank and is widely known in commercial circles throughout this part of the state. Mr. Van DeWalker is a Republican and for some time has been serving as treasurer of the village of Mt. Morris. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the blue lodge at Northport, of DeWitt Clinton Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Grand Rapids, and a noble of Saladin Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Grand Rapids.

Mr. Van DeWalker has been married twice. It was in 1890 that he was united in marriage to Ada Woodrow, who was born near Otisville, this county, daughter of Joseph and Harriet (Phelps) Woodrow, both of whom were born in the neighborhood of Mt. Clemens, this state. Mrs. Ada Van DeWalker died in 1913 and in 1914 Mr. Walker married Margaret Fenner, who was born at Mt. Morris on December 2, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Van DeWalker are members of the Congregational church and take a proper interest in the affairs of the same, as well as in all local good works in and about their home town.

JOHN HUGHES.

John Hughes, a well-known and well-to-do retired farmer and manufacturer of Mt. Morris, an honored veteran of the Civil War and for years prominently connected with affairs in the northern part of the county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here the larger part of his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Vienna township, this county, November 16, 1842, son of Christopher and Mary (Flanigan) Hughes, natives of Ireland, who came to the United States immediately after their marriage, when Christopher Hughes was about twenty-one years of age, and settled near Rochester, New York, where they remained five or six years, at the end of which time they came to Michigan and settled in Genesee county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Upon coming to this county Christopher Hughes contracted to clear a

forty-acre tract for one of the pioneer settlers of Vienna township, and was given a deed to one-half of the tract, twenty acres, for his labor. He then became employed on the work of constructing the plank roads throughout this section and thus received a material start which led to success, for he gradually became a large landowner and a man of large influence in his community. He and his wife were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, all of whom grew to maturity, but of whom but three now survive, Michael, William and the subject of this sketch.

John Hughes grew to manhood on the pioneer farm of his father in Vienna township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood school and proving a valuable assistant to his father in the work of developing the latter's extensive farm interests. During the Civil War he enlisted for service in Company C, Twenty-third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war with that command, being mustered out as a corporal. His brother Mathew, who had gone South before the war, served during that struggle as a member of a Mississippi battery in the Confederate army, and at the close of the war, upon comparing notes with his brother, Corporal Hughes, of the Twenty-third Michigan, found that on numerous occasions the brothers had been engaged in the same battles, on opposing sides. Despite the active service of both, neither of the brothers was wounded during the war.

Upon the conclusion of his military service, John Hughes returned to Michigan and in 1886 married in his home county, shortly afterward opening a general store at a cross-road on the county line between Genesee and Saginaw counties and also contracted to furnish wood for railroad use. Not long afterwards the railroads ceased burning wood in their locomotives and Mr. Hughes lost quite heavily on the engagements he had made in that connection. He then closed his store and moved to Ewart, in Osceola county, where he engaged in business, but when the panic of 1873 again put him out of business he engaged in carpentering and presently began to make some money. Mr. Hughes remained at Ewart for twenty-seven years, the latter twelve years of which time he operated a machine shop there and also engaged in the manufacture of wood handles, in both of which industries he did well in a financial way. Upon selling his shop in Ewart he returned to Genesee county and settled on a farm on the outskirts of the village of Mt. Morris, where he remained for ten years, at the end of which time he moved to Mt. Morris, where he built a house and where he since has made his home. For some years after moving to Mt. Morris, Mr. Hughes again

operated a machine shop, but for some years past has lived retired from the active labors of life, having closed his shop and gone out of business. Mr. Hughes is independent in his political views and has never given much time to political affairs, though he has held some minor civic offices. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has held office in that patriotic organization ever since he became a member of the same.

It was in 1866, the year after his return from the army, that John Hughes was united in marriage to Emily Mann, who was born in Canada, January 22, 1845, and who had come to this county about 1853 with her parents, William H. Mann and wife, the family settling in Mt. Morris township, William H. Mann homesteading the tract of land on which the village of Mt. Morris later sprang up. Mr. Mann platted the village and was for years one of the leading factors in the development of that place, many of the early buildings there having been erected by him. To Mr. and Mrs. Hughes eight children have been born, four of whom are still living, Edward, Laura, who married Edward Bockman; Christopher C. and Matthew Forest. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are members of the Catholic church and have ever taken an earnest part in parish affairs.

GEORGE S. HUNT.

Agriculture animates every species of industry and opens to nations the safest channels to wealth. It is the strongest bond of well-regulated society, the surest basis of internal peace and the natural association of correct morals. George S. Hunt, of Gaines township, is one of Genesee county's citizens who is contented to live on a farm. He was born in Oakland county, Michigan, November 6, 1848, and is a son of Hazael S. and Jane (Crawford) Hunt. The father was born in Rensselaer county, New York, February 20, 1814, and the mother was born in Ireland, June 17, 1829. Stephen Hunt, the grandfather, came to Michigan in an early day and entered land from the government—a half section, eight miles west of Pontiac—which land he cleared and developed into a good farm and there spent the rest of his life, becoming well-to-do. He had seven children, to each of whom he gave eighty acres. The father of the subject of this sketch was seventeen years old when he came to Oakland county, Michigan, where he married and settled on a farm, where he resided until removing to Genesee county in 1893. His death occurred here on May 19, 1895. He and Jane

Crawford were married on August 27, 1846. Her death occurred on March 3, 1863. They became the parents of six children, all surviving at this writing, namely: Sarah is the eldest; George S., of this sketch; Mary is the wife of A. T. Dickey, of Shiawassee county; Harriett M. is the widow of James Simpson and lives at West Bloomfield, Oakland county; Charles lives in Pontiac; Rebecca E. is the wife of William W. Greene, of Oklahoma.

George S. Hunt was reared on the home farm and received a common school education in Oakland county. When only sixteen years old he worked out on farms by the month, but later assisted his father with the farm work until he was twenty-five years of age. On April 16, 1885, he married Isabel Simpson, a native of Oakland county, where she grew up and attended school. Her birth occurred on January 28, 1848, and she is a daughter of Andrew and Margaret Simpson. She was an infant when her mother died, in February, 1848. Her father, who remarried, continued to reside on the farm in Oakland county until his death, on September 28, 1877.

George S. Hunt located on his present farm, May 2, 1885, and here he has since resided, a period of thirty-one years. The place consists of forty acres and lies three and one-half miles south of Swartz Creek. He has made a very comfortable living and has a neat little farm. Politically, he is a Democrat, and has been a member of the township board of review. He belongs to Swartz Creek Lodge No. 458, Free and Accepted Masons.

FRANCIS HEARN RANKIN.

Francis Hearn Rankin, former mayor of Flint and proprietor of the job-printing, engraving and book-binding plant of the *Wolverine Citizen* in that city, is a native son of Flint, born there on December 28, 1854, son of the Hon. Francis H. and Arabella (Hearn) Rankin, natives of Ireland and early residents of Flint, whose last days were spent in that city.

Francis H. Rankin was born in the north of Ireland, son of Joseph Rankin, and received an excellent education in his native land. He married Arabella Hearn, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Hearn, an Episcopal minister, and in 1849 came to the United States, locating at Pontiac, this state. He had been engaged in literary pursuits in his native land and upon locating at Pontiac became associated with a newspaper there. In 1850 he moved to Flint, where he founded the *Genesee Whig*, which he continued under that



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F. H. Rankin

title until the dissolution of the Whig party, when he changed the name of the paper to the *Wolverine Citizen*, which it ever thereafter bore and which he continued to publish until his death, in 1900, at the age of eighty-four years. His widow survived him until 1904 and was eighty-five years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the Episcopal church, of which Mr. Rankin for years was a vestryman, and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom the subject of this biographical review was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Jennie, widow of Leroy C. Whitney, who is now making her home in Milwaukee; Richard, of Saginaw, this state; Anna, wife of George D. Flanders, of Flint; George, of Milwaukee, and Joseph, deceased.

The Hon. Francis H. Rankin was an ardent Republican and his newspaper for years exerted a powerful influence in behalf of the principles of that party throughout this section of the state. He took a prominent part in local civic affairs and was postmaster of Flint, a member of the city school board and city clerk for many years. He also was widely known in state political circles and was a member of the House and of the Senate in the state Legislature, serving two terms in the House and one in the Senate. He was Governor Crapo's closest friend and adviser and was appointed by the governor as a member of the state prison board and as a member of the board that located the state school at Coldwater. He was a charter member of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons; a member of Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, as well as of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Francis Hearn Rankin began to learn the printing trade when he was so small that he had to stand on a chair to reach the "cases" in his father's newspaper office and has ever since been connected with the printing trades. Upon completing his schooling, he became associated as a partner with his father in the publication of the *Wolverine Citizen*, paying particular attention to the job-printing department of the same, and after the death of his father, in 1900, continued the publication of the paper until 1910, in which year he discontinued it and has since devoted his time to his extensive printing interests. Mr. Rankin is a Republican and served one term as mayor of Flint and one term as city treasurer. He was a member of the board of education for fifteen years; a member of the board of control for the state school for the blind at Lansing for ten years and since 1905 has been a member of the board of trustees of the state school for the deaf. He is a

director of the Union Trust and Savings Bank and owns several business and residence properties in Flint.

On October 26, 1881, Francis Hearn Rankin was united in marriage to Caroline Pierce, who was born in this county, February 14, 1856, daughter of Silas and Caroline (Crocker) Pierce, both now deceased, who were the parents of three children, Mrs. Rankin having two brothers, George and Silas Pierce. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin have one daughter, Caroline, who is a graduate of the Flint high school and who has become thoroughly familiar with the details of operation of her father's printing and engraving plant. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin are members of St. Paul's Episcopal church. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Detroit, and is a noble of Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in that city; his local connection with Masonry is through membership in Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, at Flint; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar. He also is a member of Genesee Lodge No. 24, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Rankin was one of the incorporators, with Edwin O. Wood and others, of the Loyal Guard, of which he was president for two years and of which he afterward was supreme secretary for seventeen years.

PATRICK SLATTERY.

Patrick Slattery, well-known druggist at Mt. Morris and one of the most enterprising and progressive young merchants of that flourishing village, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm near North Branch, in Lapeer county, this state, July 10, 1889, son of William and Sylvesta (Heenan) Slattery, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Michigan, who for years have been living retired at North Branch.

William Slattery was born in Tipperary, Ireland, in 1848, and was a well-grown lad when he came across the water with his parents, the family settling at Kingston, Canada. There William Slattery lived until 1862, when he came to Michigan and settled on a farm in the vicinity of North Branch, in Lapeer county. He presently married Sylvesta Heenan, who was born at

Almot, this state, in 1852, and established his home on his farm, where he lived until 1907, in September of which year he retired from the active labors of the farm and he and his wife moved to North Branch. Their home there was destroyed by fire early in 1916 and they since have been finding pleasant recreation in travel. William Slattery is a Democrat and for years took an active part in the political affairs of his home county. He is a member of the Knights of the Royal Guard. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth and all of whom are living, the others being as follow: Jack, who is living at North Branch; Mary, who married P. A. Tierney, this state; Mae, who married James Stewart, a contractor at Caro, this state; William, of Mt. Morris; Della, who married Fred Brady, a city employee at Detroit; Anna, who is a professional nurse at Detroit; Margaret, who married Russell Wilson, who is connected with the United States civil service at North Branch, and Agnes, who married Frank Sholts, of Detroit.

Following his graduation from the high school at North Branch, Patrick Slattery entered the pharmacy department of Ferris Institute at Big Rapids and was graduated from that institution in June, 1912, immediately thereafter, on June 16, buying Goodwin's drug store at Mt. Morris, which he ever since has owned and managed. Upon taking charge of the store Mr. Slattery changed the name of the same to "Slattery's Pharmacy." He adopted modern methods in the conduct of his business, brought the stock and equipment up to up-to-date requirements and has done very well in his business, his place being regarded as one of the best drug stores in the northern part of the county. Mr. Slattery is a Democrat. In his fraternal relations he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, member of the lodges of those orders at Flint, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of both organizations. He has been local manager of the telephone exchange since September 1, 1912.

On March 1, 1916, Patrick Slattery was united in marriage to Bernardine Drake, of Flint, who was born at Jackson, this state, March 14, 1896, daughter of Robert and Mary (Oslager) Drake, the former of whom is a foreman in the great Buick factory at Flint. Mr. and Mrs. Slattery are members of St. Mary's Catholic church at Mt. Morris and take an active interest in parish affairs, as well as in all local good works and in the general social and cultural activities of their home town.

CHARLES O. UPTON.

Charles O. Upton, one of the best-known and most representative farmers of Genesee township, this county, former treasurer of that township and for years actively identified with the development of the best interests of that part of the county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on the farm on which he now lives, in section 3 of Genesee township, November 30, 1859, son and only child of Henry and Mary U. (Wisner) Upton, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Michigan, whose last days were spent in this county, honored and useful members of the community in which they lived.

Henry Upton was born in the city of North Adams, Massachusetts, March 24, 1832, son of John E. and Theodosia Upton, the former of whom was engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods in that city in partnership with his brother-in-law, Oliver A. Arnold. The factory and warehouses of the firm were destroyed by fire, practically ruining John E. Upton financially, and in consequence of this serious reverse he decided to attempt a new start in the West. In 1841 therefore, accompanied by his family and bringing a few necessary household effects, he came to Michigan and pre-empted a tract of land in section 3 of Genesee township, this county, at that time a forest wilderness. After paying his moving expenses and the fees of the land office, John E. Upton had left but twelve shillings with which to start a new career in a new country. Nothing daunted, however, he established his home in the wilderness and proceeded to clear and improve his place and was beginning to see his way clear to success when he was killed by a stroke of lightning on June 16, 1857, eighteen years after locating in this county. His wife had died on May 18 of the same year, just two days less than a month before his tragic end. They were the parents of three children, Oliver, Mary E., who married Nathan Day, of New York City, and Henry. The latter was about nine years old when he came to this county with his parents and was twenty-five when his father met an untimely death. He assumed the active management of the farm, becoming a successful farmer and an influential member of that community, remaining on the old home farm until 1910, when he retired. His death occurred on March 10, 1914, he then lacking just a fortnight of being eighty-two years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave thirteen years, her death having occurred on February 19, 1901. She had been a resident of this county and of Genesee township all her life, having been born on a pioneer farm in section 2 of that township on October 15, 1841, first-born of the three children born to

Chauncey and Elmira (Ferris) Wisner, the others having been Scott A. and Harriet E. Chauncey Wisner and wife were both born in Mt. Morris, New York, were married there and lived there until they came to Michigan in 1839 and settled in Genesee township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential pioneer residents of that section of the county. Mary U. Wisner grew to womanhood on the paternal farm in the same neighborhood as that of the Upton farm and was living there at the time of her marriage to Henry Upton in 1857.

Charles O. Upton was reared on the farm on which he was born, the tract entered from the government by his grandfather in 1841 and, being the only child of his parents, inherited the same and has been living there all his life. In his youth the schooling received in the district school in the neighborhood of his home was supplemented by a course in the high school at Flint, after which he turned his attention seriously to farming and was ever thereafter a valued assistant to his father in the operation of the home farm, the full management of which he gradually assumed as his father grew older. Upon his marriage in 1888 he established his home on the old home place and his children have been reared there, the fourth generation of the family to occupy the old homestead. In addition to his general farming Mr. Upton for years has given special attention to the breeding of fine sheep and at one time was the possessor of the finest flock of Improved Black-top Delaines in the state of Michigan, the wool of these sheep, on exhibition at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition or World's Fair, at St. Louis, having won for Mr. Upton the highly-prized diploma of credit from that exposition. That famous flock consisted of two hundred and thirty-five head of sheep, of which forty-two were full-blood Delaines, thirty-three of which it later became necessary to destroy when rabies broke out in the flock. Mr. Upton is a Republican and has served his township in the capacity of treasurer.

It was on March 20, 1888, that Charles O. Upton was united in marriage to Frances Underwood, who was born in Thetford township, this county, daughter of Robert and Esther (Brown) Underwood, who later moved to Millington township, in Tuscola county, this state, where Mrs. Underwood died, after which Mr. Underwood went to Kansas. Robert Underwood and wife were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Upton was the third in order of birth, the others being Mabel (deceased), Sarah (deceased), Mrs. Sabrina Warner, who lives in Forest township, this county; Mrs. Elma Kanouse, who lives in Genesee township, and Robert, a farmer, of Tuscola county. To Mr. and Mrs. Upton two sons have been

born, Floyd F., who was born on December 15, 1888, and who is now farming for himself in Genesee township, and Arnold H., born on November 19, 1893, who is still living on the home farm, assisting his father in the operation of the same. The Uptons have a very pleasant home and take a general interest in all movements having to do with the advancement of the cause of the community thereabout.

WILLIAM GEORGE HERMAN.

William George Herman, proprietor of the flourishing creamery at Montrose, this county, the owner of a fine farm on which he makes his home in the vicinity of that pleasant village and regarded as one of the most active factors in the common life of that community, is a native of the great Empire state, but has been a resident of Michigan since he was about three years old. He was born on a farm in Genesee county, New York, January 24, 1874, son of George Frederick and Ruth (Walker) Herman, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Canada, who later came to Michigan and are now living at Bay City, this state.

George Frederick Herman, who was born on December 25, 1846, grew to manhood on a farm in Germany and in 1868, when twenty-two years of age, came to the United States, locating at Rochester, New York, later buying a farm west of that city in Genesee county. He married Ruth Walker, who was born on a farm in the vicinity of Toronto in 1850, daughter of Lewis and Ruth Walker, the latter of whom died in 1863, after which Lewis Walker came to Michigan, where he spent his last days. George F. Herman sold his farm in New York in 1877 and came with his family to Michigan, settling in Bay county. He bought a farm in Beaver township, that county, later moving to a farm in the neighboring township of Williams, near the town of North Williams, and there lived until about 1908, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and he and his wife are now living, very pleasantly situated, in Bay City, Mr. Herman giving his attention to the real-estate business.

George F. Herman is a Republican and during his residence in Bay county has held several township offices. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he having been for years a steward of the church at North Williams. To George F. Herman and wife seven children have been born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being

as follows: Maggie E., born in 1876, who died in January, 1900; Bertha L., born in 1878, who died in 1906; Elizabeth Jane, born in 1880, who is now teaching school in Bay City; John F., born in 1883, who became a carpenter and is now living in New York state; Alice B., born in 1885, who died in 1908, and Maria B., born in 1887, who is now working at Saginaw. George F. Herman's parents were both of German birth. His mother died in 1870 and his father later came to the United States, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1876.

William G. Herman was but a child when his parents came to this state from New York and he grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Bay county, receiving his schooling in the schools of that county. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age, when he began working on his own account and about two years later came to Genesee county, where he married in 1900 and nine years later, in 1909, bought a farm of his own in section 17 of Montrose township. In the meantime Mr. Herman had been giving considerable attention to the creamery business and a year after settling on his farm rented the same and went to Burt, where for two years he was engaged as the manager of the creamery at that place. This practical experience convinced Mr. Herman that a creamery could be successfully operated at Montrose and he returned to his home in the neighborhood of that village and in 1912 established his present creamery at Montrose. The enterprise immediately secured the good will of the farmers of that part of the country and has been a success from the very start. Mr. Herman has equipped his plant with the most up-to-date machinery and appliances and has done very well. In 1912 the creamery did a business of \$13,379; in 1913, \$23,106.56; in 1914, \$30,914.58, and in 1915, \$43,862.05. Mr. Herman continues to make his home on his farm, where he and his family are very pleasantly situated, and is turning the place into a dairy farm, specializing in Jersey cattle. He is a Republican, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, connected with the lodge of that order at Montrose, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Montrose, Mr. Herman serving the congregation there as chorister and as a member of the board of stewards.

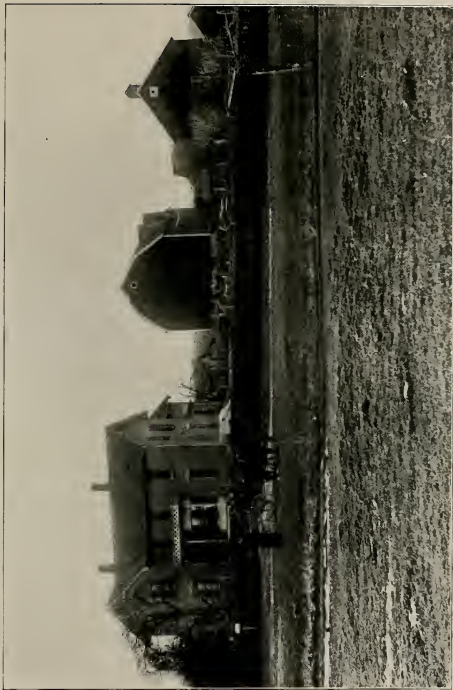
It was in 1900, after coming to this country, that William G. Herman was united in marriage to Edna D. Sammons, who was born on a farm in Richfield township, Summit county, Ohio, in September, 1877, daughter of William and Delila (Bowers) Sammons, who came to Michigan in 1891 and settled in Flushing township, this county, and have since made their home in the vicinity of the village of Flushing. William Sammons and wife are



MRS. ALICE L. HILL.



ISRAEL HILL.



ISRAEL HILL HOMESTEAD, DAVISON TOWNSHIP.

presently recuperated and bought a farm in section 19 in Davison township, where he established his home and there he lived until his retirement from the farm and removal, on March 15, 1910, to the village of Davison, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on May 6, 1914.

Israel Hill was an excellent farmer and, as he prospered in his farming operations, added to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he improved in good shape and brought up to a high state of cultivation, long having been regarded as one of the best farmers in his neighborhood. He took an active part in the general affairs of the community and was an enterprising, energetic and influential citizen, ever helpful in all movements designed to advance the best interests of the community. He was a member of Flint Post, Grand Army of the Republic; a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife were members of the Baptist church, in the affairs of all of which organizations he ever took a warm interest.

On September 1, 1861, Israel Hill was united in marriage to Alice L. Seelye, who was born in Davison township, this county, daughter of Alson and Lorinza (Wicker) Seelye, early residents of Genesee county, who took a prominent part in the development of a social order in the Davison neighborhood. In a biographical reference to Mrs. Ernest L. Post, sister of Mrs. Hill, presented elsewhere in this volume, there are set out further details of the history of the Seelye family in this county. Alson Seelye came here in 1836 and entered a tract of "Congress land" in Davison township. He and his brother cleared the first land ready for cultivation in Davison township and became prominent pioneers of that section of the county. Alson Seelye built a one-room log house on the section line and when the roads later came to be surveyed through that part of the county it was found that his house stood right in the middle of what ought to be the road. The surveyors laid their lines to one side of the cabin and that original "jog" in the road persists there to this day. It was in that log cabin that Mrs. Hill was born and she has distinct recollections of the howling of the wolves about the cabin home during the long and dreary winter nights.

To Israel and Alice L. (Seelye) Hill eight children were born, of whom two died in early childhood and six are living, namely: Emerson, a prosperous farmer of Saginaw county, this state, who married Esther Hill, who died, leaving five children, Roy Laverne, Emerson Israel, Iva, Robert and Lila, after which he married Mrs. Lottie (Savage) Comfort; Rose, living about a mile from Montrose, widow of Freemont Gillette, who died in

October, 1913, leaving one child, a daughter, Mrs. Alice Byrn; Joseph, a well-known farmer living a half mile west of Richfield Center, who married Anna Patterson, who died, leaving one daughter, now Mrs. Mabel Coggins, after which he married Sevilla Switzer; Arthur, a farmer living a half-mile west of the center of Davidson township, who married Mary Bush and has three children, Harry, Hazel and Donald; Daisy, who married William Cartwright and lives in Flint, and Walter H., who lives with his mother in Davison. Mrs. Hill has a very pleasant home in Davison and retains her active interest in church and other benevolent works in the neighborhood. Her memory of pioneer days is as clear and vivid as though the events of that early day had occurred but yesterday and she is a veritable storehouse of information regarding the early settlers and the early days of the Davison settlement.

MRS. MARY RUSSELL.

Mrs. Mary Russell, of Mt. Morris, widow of Thomas Russell, for years one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Genesee township, this county, is a native of this county and has lived here all her life, having thus been a witness to the wonderful development of this region during the past generation. She was born on a pioneer farm a little more than a mile east of the village of Mt. Morris, July 4, 1841, daughter of Robert and Beatrice (Jordan) Ferguson, natives of Ireland, the former of whom was born in 1808, son of Alexander Ferguson, a native of Scotland, and the latter the daughter of Andrew Jordan, also a native of Scotland. Robert Ferguson and Beatrice Jordan were married in Ireland and came to this country, for awhile after landing here making their home in Washington county, New York, whence, in 1837, the year Michigan was admitted to statehood, they came to this county and settled at Flint. Robert Ferguson homesteaded a tract of land in Genesee township, a little more than a mile east of where the village of Mt. Morris later sprang up, and began to clear the same, making his home in Flint until he could get a clearing made on his place and erect a home. Upon taking his homestead there he had to blaze a trail from Flint to the place he had homesteaded. At that time there were still quite a few Indians in that part of the county, while the wolves were plentiful. After making a clearing he established his home there and there spent the remainder of his life, at the time of his death, he then being eighty-eight years of age, having resided continuously on that farm for a period of sixty-

one years. He was a good farmer and prospered in his farming operations, becoming the owner of seven hundred acres of land, and was long regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in the northern part of the country. He and his wife were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. They had six children, one of whom died at the age of eight years, the others being Alexander, Mary, John, Thomas and Robert.

Mary Ferguson was reared on the old homestead farm where she was born, receiving her schooling in the schools in that neighborhood, and remained at home until her marriage on October 26, 1887, to Thomas Russell, who was born in Ireland, October 19, 1840, son of Thomas and Ann Russell, natives of Ireland, who came to Michigan in 1855 and located in Genesee township, this county, where the elder Thomas Russell became a substantial farmer. The younger Thomas Russell was about fifteen years of age when his parents settled in this county and here he grew to manhood. He engaged in farming on his own account upon reaching man's estate and became the owner of quite a bit of land. After his marriage in the fall of 1887 he established his home on his farm and there he and his wife lived until the last of March, 1914, when they retired from the farm, bought a house in Mt. Morris and made their home in the village, where, a little more than a year later, on June 1, 1915, Mr. Russell died, he then being past seventy-three years of age. Mr. Russell was a member of the Catholic church, as is his widow, and they ever took an earnest part in local parish affairs, as well as in all local good work. They had an adopted daughter, Susie, who married Earl Chabot and is now living at Buffalo, New York. Mrs. Russell has a very pleasant home at Mt. Morris and is quite comfortably situated there.

EDGAR J. SWART.

It is well to appreciate the value of good ideals. Edgar J. Swart, of the village of Montrose, Genesee county, seems to be guided by them in all relations of life and therefore he is known as a good citizen. He was born on a farm in Montrose township, this county, January 1, 1875, and is a son of Rufus and Anastasia (Ensign) Swart. The father was born in 1845 in the state of New York, and when he was about four years old his parents moved with him into this county, being thus pioneer settlers, and here his parents spent the rest of their lives on a farm in section 23 of Montrose town-

ship. They were parents of five children, namely: Menzo, who established his home in Flint; Jennette, who became the wife of Andrew Smith; Rufus, the father of the subject of this sketch; Nancy, who lives in Montrose, and Edgar, who lives in Sault Ste. Marie.

Rufus Swart grew to manhood on the home farm, where he continued to reside until a year prior to his death when he sold the homestead and bought the McAlpin farm of eighty acres, two miles north of the village of Montrose, and there his death occurred in 1893, at the age of forty-eight years. He was a Republican and had served as township treasurer and as a member of the school board. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife was the first white child born in Montrose township, this county, and there she spent her life, dying at the early age of twenty-four years, leaving two children, Clarence M., who lives in Virginia, Minnesota, and Edgar J., the subject of this sketch. After the death of his first wife, Rufus Swart married Edna Wood, who was also born in this county, where she grew to womanhood, and two children were also born to this union, Clara, the wife of A. V. Way, who conducts a general store in the village of Montrose, and Floyd, who is engaged in farming in Mt. Morris township.

Edgar J. Swart grew up on the home farm, where he worked when a boy. He attended the district school and later studied at Ferris Institute at Big Rapids. After leaving school he worked one year on the home farm and two years on a farm in Vienna township, then went to Twining, Michigan, where he worked several years in a general store. He finally went to work in a lumber yard in the village of Montrose, where he spent one year, then in 1902 he was appointed rural mail carrier, which position he held with satisfaction to all concerned until July 1, 1915, when he gave up the work and eventually took a position in the general store of A. V. Way, in Montrose, where he is still employed. He has lived in the village since 1901, owning a comfortable home and thirteen acres of land there.

On December 27, 1904, Edgar J. Swart was married to Florence Pollard, who was born on October 31, 1882, a daughter of Frank P. and Anna (Horning) Pollard, both natives of Genesee county, where they grew up and were married and established their home. They were of English descent and both members of early pioneer families. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Swart, E. J. Franklin, born in July, 1909, and Thelma M., January 7, 1912.

Mr. Swart is a Republican and is active in the affairs of his party. In the spring of 1916 he was elected clerk of Montrose township. Fraternally,

he belongs to the Masonic lodge at Montrose, of which he is past master; also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand.

PETER F. O'HARE.

Peter F. O'Hare, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of Mt. Morris township, former clerk and supervisor of that township and the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres on rural route No. 9, out of Flint, was born on the farm and in the house in which he now lives and has lived there most of his life. He was born on July 20, 1869, son of Francis J. and Bridget (Logan) O'Hare, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Ireland, for many years prominent and substantial residents of Mt. Morris township, whose last days were spent in the city of Flint.

Francis J. O'Hare was born on a farm near Avon, in Livingston county, New York, son of Peter O'Hare and wife, natives of Ireland, who had come to this country, settling in Livingston county, New York, whence, after a few years, they returned to Ireland, but presently came back to the United States, remaining in New York for some time, at the end of which time they came to Michigan with their family and settled in Genesee county. Here Peter O'Hare worked on the grading of the Pere Marquette railroad for some time and then bought a farm in section 14, Mt. Morris township, where he lived for some time, but which he later sold and then moved to Flint, buying a house on Fifth street, where he spent the rest of his life, being past seventy-five years of age at the time of his death. Francis J. O'Hare was but a boy when he came to Genesee county with his father and he remained with the latter until his marriage, after which he began lumbering in the Otter Lake district, making his home at North Branch, his last lumbering job having been in connection with the extensive works of Begole, Fox & Company, after which he engaged in the ice, coal and wood business at Flint and was thus engaged for some years, at the end of which time he moved onto a farm in section 23, Mt. Morris township, the farm on which the subject of this sketch was born and where the latter now lives. There Francis J. O'Hare lived for years, or until his retirement from the active labors of the farm and removal to Flint, his last days being spent at his home at 713 Paine street in that city, where he died at the age of fifty-nine years. He was a member of the Catholic church,

having been connected with St. Mary's at Mt. Morris and with St. Michael's at Flint, was a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, a Democrat and a strong party man. His widow survived him many years, she having been seventy-two years of age at the time of her death on July 6, 1910. She was born, Bridget Logan, in County Down, Ireland, and came to this country alone, settling at Flint, where she married Francis J. O'Hare. To that union four children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Sarah, who married Joseph Walsh, a farmer, and is living at Flint; Frances, who is living in Detroit, and William A., also of Detroit.

Peter F. O'Hare was reared on the paternal farm in Mt. Morris township, where he was born, and received his schooling in the old Beecher district school in that neighborhood, in St. Michael's school in Flint and in the high school at the latter place, after which he took a course in the normal school at Fenton and then resumed his place on the home farm and has been there ever since. After his marriage in the summer of 1898 Mr. O'Hare bought the interests of the other heirs in the home place and there he established his home. He has a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres, which he has improved in excellent shape and which he is operating along modern lines of agriculture and is doing very well. Mr. O'Hare is a Democrat and for years has given close attention to local civic affairs, for three terms having served his home township as clerk and for five terms as supervisor. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of the Knights of the Maccabees and of the Grange, in the affairs of all of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

It was on June 15, 1898, that Peter F. O'Hare was united in marriage to Mary A. Mannion, who was born in Saginaw township, in the neighboring county of Saginaw, December 7, 1871, daughter of Frank and Mary A. (Egan) Mannion, for years well-known residents of Saginaw township, who are now living with Mr. and Mrs. O'Hare. Frank Mannion was born in County Galway, Ireland, November 9, 1842, and when seven years old came to this country, growing to manhood in the home of a sister in New York state. He then came to Michigan and was for some time engaged in the boot-and-shoe business at Flint, later going to Saginaw county, where for some time he operated a salt works, later buying a farm in Saginaw township, that county, where he lived until his retirement, since which time, as noted above, he has made his home with the O'Hares. Mr. Mannion is a Democrat and was for years active in local political affairs, having for

nineteen years been a school director, serving also, at one time and another, as township clerk, supervisor and justice of the peace. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church. Two children were born to them, Mary A., who married Mr. O'Hare, and John Francis, who died at the age of five years. To Mr. and Mrs. O'Hare six children have been born, Francis J., born on February 28, 1899; Raymond, September 8, 1900; Herbert W., May 28, 1901; Mary Geraldine, March 9, 1903; Dorothy M., February 20, 1907, and Mildred Elizabeth, October 28, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. O'Hare are members of St. Mary's Catholic church at Mt. Morris and take an active interest in parish affairs as well as in all local good works.

SYLVESTER J. POUND.

Sylvester J. Pound, one of the prominent young farmers and business men of this county, was born on October 6, 1880, in Vienna township and is the son of John and Lucy (Baker) Pound.

John Pound was born on Prince Edward Island, on June 10, 1854. It was there that he received his education and lived until he was seventeen years of age. when he came to Michigan. He settled in the town of Mundy, where he was later employed by his uncle, James Ellis, a farmer. John Pound remained on his uncle's farm for eleven years, at the end of which time he moved to Clio and later purchased his present farm of eighty acres, in section 17, Vienna township. The farm was undeveloped and was yet to be cleared. Mr. Pound at once began the work of clearing and improving the place, and today he has a highly cultivated and well-improved farm.

In the fall of 1879 John Pound was united in marriage to Lucy Baker, who was born on January 25, 1857, in Flint township. To this union have been born two children, Sylvester J., the subject of this sketch and H. G. Pound, a salesman, of Flint, who was born on March 7, 1873.

Sylvester J. Pound grew to manhood on the home farm and received his early education in the district schools. He later entered the high school at Clio, and was graduated from the same. After completing his schooling he taught in the district schools for six years, after which he was engaged with his brother in the hardware and grocery business at Lennon. The store was later sold and Sylvester Pound was engaged for two years as principal of the Lennon schools. After completing his school work, Mr.

Pound returned to his father's farm where the two are engaged in general farming and the raising of Holstein cattle. In connection with their other work, they have a large dairy and in this they specialize to a great extent.

Sylvester J. Pound is a Republican and at the last election was elected township treasurer by a large majority. Mr. Pound is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the latter order he is a past noble grand. Sylvester Pound's father is a staunch Prohibitionist and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been superintendent of the West Vienna Sunday school for the past thirty years.

PHILIP P. HILL.

Philip P. Hill, a well-known and well-to-do retired farmer of Davison township, this county, now living at Davison, one of the heaviest taxpayers in that township, former highway commissioner, former supervisor and a former member of the board of review, is a native of New York state, but has lived in this county since he was an infant and therefore has been a witness to and a participant in the wonderful development that has marked this region during his lifetime. He was born on a farm in Genesee county, New York, November 4, 1845, son of Joseph E. and Sarah (Smith) Hill, natives of Vermont, who moved to New York and thence to this state, becoming earnest pioneers of this county, where their last days were spent.

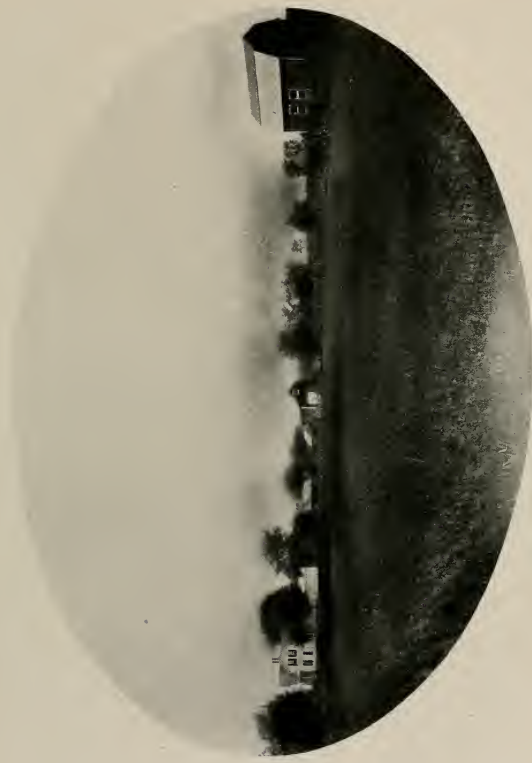
Joseph E. Hill came of a long-lived and vigorous family. He was one of a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, born to his parents, all of whom lived to old age, all having been alive when the youngest, Ransom Hill, was past sixty-one years of age. Two of the members of this remarkable family are still living, Mrs. Clarissa Buell, aged ninety-three, and John Hill, aged eighty-nine, both of Burton township, this county. In the fall of 1846 Joseph E. Hill and his family came to Michigan from New York and settled in Davison township, Genesee county. Upon coming here Mr. Hill bought a farm of eighty acres two miles south and one and one-fourth miles west of the village of Davison and there established his home. There was a shanty on the place, standing in a clearing of two or three acres, but the rest of the tract was undisturbed woodland. At that time there was no road out to that section, nor was there one established until about seven years later. Joseph E. Hill selected as the site of his new home in the wilderness a knoll on the banks of Kearsley creek, about the center of



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Philip P. Hill



PHILIP P. HILL HOMESTEAD, DAVISON TOWNSHIP.

his tract, regarding that as the most likely spot for a home, but when the road finally was put through there he found himself eighty rods off the highway. He was a successful farmer and an excellent manager and as he cleared his place and extended his farming operations, gradually added to his holdings until he became the owner of nearly three hundred acres of well-improved land. He was able in his later years to deal generously with his children, to each of whom he gave five hundred dollars when they started out for themselves; a few years later he gave to each an additional five hundred dollars, before his death giving to each another thousand dollars and then had left a goodly estate to be divided among them and his widow. Though not a politician in the general acceptance of that term, Joseph E. Hill ever took an active part in local civic affairs and served his township as treasurer and in other official capacities. He was a consistent member of the Free-Will Baptist church at Davison and for years was one of the deacons of that congregation, holding that office to the time of his death. His death occurred on June 7, 1898, he then being nearly eighty-four years of age.

To Joseph E. and Sarah (Smith) Hill ten children were born, eight of whom grew to maturity, as follow: Israel, for many years a well-known farmer of Davison township, this county, who died on May 6, 1914; Marcena, who married Nelson Knapp and died on January 10, 1907; Lyman E., also a Davison township farmer, who died on April 1, 1894; Philip P., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Harriet, who married William M. Knapp and died on March 28, 1916; Olive, now living in the village of Davison, widow of Charles W. Long; Smith E., who died on December 4, 1914, and Arvilla, who married William J. Leach and died on June 21, 1897. The mother of these children died on July 24, 1872, and about two years later Joseph E. Hill married Mrs. Ann (Wiley) Calkins, who died on October 10, 1890.

Philip P. Hill was eleven months old when his parents came to this county from New York and he grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Davison township. After his marriage, in the spring of 1872, he started farming for himself on a forty-acre tract he had bought in section 16 of that same township. After clearing and developing that tract he extended his operations by buying more land until he became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres, which he still owns. It is excellent land, assessed for taxation at one hundred dollars the acre, Mr. Hill's taxes now amounting to about five hundred dollars a year. Mr. Hill is a good farmer and during the thirty-five years he was actively engaged in farming his place he

kept his land up to a high state of fertility, some of it yet producing one hundred bushels of oats to the acre and other crops proportionately. Mr. Hill has on his farms five never-failing flowing wells and his place has long been regarded as one of the model farms in that section of the county. On July 6, 1907, Mr. Hill retired from the farm, turning the management of the same over to his sons, and he and his wife moved to the village of Davison, where they have since made their home and where they are very pleasantly and very comfortably situated. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Baptist church of Davison. Mr. Hill has served the public as highway commissioner, as supervisor and as a member of the board of review. He also has for years been called on to act from time to time as administrator or executor of estates or as guardian and numerous such trusts have been faithfully discharged by him. He also has on numerous occasions been called on to act as appraiser of estates, his keen knowledge of values and excellent judgment in such matters long having recommended him in such a capacity in his home neighborhood.

On May 19, 1872, Philip P. Hill was united in marriage to Eliza Mann, who was born near Sparta, about ten miles from St. Thomas, in the dominion of Canada. She is a daughter of George and Keziah (Lasam) Mann, natives of England, who left their home near Kingston, in that country, and came to the New World about 1839, settling in Canada. They remained there until 1852, when they came to Michigan, settling on a farm in section 4, Davison township, this county, land now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hill. There they spent the rest of their lives, Mrs. Mann dying on March 17, 1875, and Mr. Mann living until January 22, 1900, he then being nearly ninety-one years of age. The Manns were members of the Church of England in their home country, but upon coming to this county affiliated with the Christian church. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have three children, George P., William E. and Edith S. George P. Hill, who now lives in the village of Davison, is farming a part of his father's land. He married Dolly Griffin, and to that union five children have been born, two of whom are living, Claud E. and Leona, Edith having died at the age of ten months; Howard, at the age of five weeks, and Dorothy, at the age of eight years, on April 21, 1914. William E. Hill, who lives on his father's farm in section 16, married Phoebe Goodenough and has two children, Helen V. and Lois. Edith S. Hill married William J. Leach, who lives in Davison, and has one child, a son, Bernard C. Mr. Leach owns farm lands in Davison township and property in the village. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Baptist church.

JOHN BERNARD RUSSELL.

John Bernard Russell, treasurer of Mt. Morris township and one of the best-known and most progressive young farmers of that part of the county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Mt. Morris township, February 14, 1884, son of James and Mary (Loonam) Russell, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Michigan, both of whom are still living on their home farm in Mt. Morris township, James Russell being ably assisted in his farming operations there by his eldest son, the subject of this sketch.

James Russell was born in County Kildare, Leinster, September 22, 1845, son of Thomas and Ann (Archbold) Russell, natives of Ireland, who came to the United States with their family in 1850, landing at New York City and proceeding directly to Michigan, locating in Genesee county in that same year. From Flint, Thomas Russell went up into the wilderness north of there and homesteaded a tract of land in Mt. Morris township, where he established his home and where he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. He had to blaze a trail to his land, for there were no roads in that part of the country in those days, the first real road, the plank road, not being completed to that section until 1857. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom James was the last born son and of whom all are now dead but three. These children were Elias, William, Thomas, James, Marie, Anna, Ella and Libbie.

James Russell was about five years old when his parents came to Michigan and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Mt. Morris township and as a young man became a farmer on his own account. He married Mary Loonam, who was born at Adrian, this state, April 5, 1854, daughter of John and Margaret (Murray) Loonam, natives of Ireland, the former born in Kings county in 1806 and the latter in Queens county in 1817, who were married at Monroe, Michigan, later becoming pioneers of Adrian, where they spent their last days. John Loonam and wife were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Russell, the fourth in order of birth, is now the only survivor, the others having been as follows: Bernard, born on July 13, 1848; Peter, December 20, 1850; Thomas, December 30, 1852; Margaret, June 11, 1856, and John, August 17, 1860. After his marriage Mr. Russell established his home on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there ever since, long having been recognized as one of the most substantial farmers in that section. To him and his wife four children have been born, of whom the subject of this sketch is the first-born, the others being as fol-

lows: Ella, born on May 17, 1887; Zita, December 22, 1891, and Leon T., January 2, 1895, the latter of whom is now a student in Notre Dame University. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are members of the Catholic church and their children have been reared in that faith.

John Bernard Russell received his elementary schooling in the schools of Mt. Morris and then entered the Commercial College at Flint, from which he was graduated, after which he returned to the farm and was an aid to his father until he took service with the electric railway and was thus engaged for a couple of years, at the end of which time he returned home and resumed his place on the farm and has since been a partner with his father in the operation of the home place. In addition to their general farming, they give considerable attention to the raising of live stock and have done very well, making a specialty of dairy cattle, Shropshire sheep, Poland China hogs and Percheron horses. J. B. Russell is a Democrat and is now serving as treasurer of his home township, having been re-elected to a second term. He also served as school inspector for two terms and as overseer of highways for two terms. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church at Mt. Morris and a member of the Knights of Columbus, in the affairs of which order he takes a warm interest.

LEROY M. JENNINGS.

Those who belong to the respectable middle classes of society, being early taught the necessity of relying upon their own exertions, will be more apt to acquire that information and those business habits which alone can fit them for the discharge of life's duties. Leroy M. Jennings, an implement dealer in the village of Montrose and president of that village, is such a man. He was born in Birch Run township, Saginaw county, Michigan, November 24, 1868, a son of Francis L. and Elizabeth (Murphy) Jennings.

Francis L. Jennings was born in Ohio, in February, 1837, and when fifteen years old came with his parents to Michigan, locating in Arbela township, Tuscola county, about 1852, the family being among the pioneers of that locality, and there Francis L. Jennings lived until reaching his majority, having assisted his father develop the home farm. He became a sawyer and worked in the saw-mills the rest of his life, however maintaining a farm a few years in Arbela township, then spent a few months in Birch Run township, Saginaw county, then returned to Arbela township. He pur-

chased forty acres in Montrose township on which he spent the rest of his active life, moving to the village of Montrose in 1902, where he is still living. He is a Republican, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Elizabeth Murphy, was born in the state of New York, in 1847, and when young came to Michigan, locating in Arbela township, Tuscola county, where she was married. To these parents three children have been born, namely: Leroy M., the subject of this sketch; Estella, the wife of John Kerr, of Montrose, and Bert E., who is engaged in the real-estate business in Flint.

Leroy M. Jennings received his education in the public schools, including those of Flint. He engaged in farm work until he was twenty-one years old, working out by the month, and in 1894 bought twenty acres in section 11 of Montrose township, which he farmed, "batching it" two summers. He then bought ten acres adjoining, later renting additional land, and continued to farm there until in May, 1903, when he moved to the village of Montrose and opened an implement store, in partnership with Albert Hunter, which arrangement continued for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Jennings purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted the business alone. With the gradual increase of business his original quarters became too small and he opened another store in the Egart block and now operates both stores. Mr. Jennings has added harness, oils, separators and all kinds of farm supplies to his stock and he also has a large harness shop and makes harness. He has the exclusive business in his line in Montrose and enjoys a large trade with the town and surrounding country. He carries an extensive stock at all times. He owns a number of valuable rental properties in the village of Montrose, and has been very successful in a business way.

On January 20, 1897, Leroy M. Jennings was married to Christie Johnston, who was born in Thetford township, this county, April 28, 1877, and who spent her early girlhood there, her parents moving to Montrose township when she was eleven years old, and in the latter township she received a common school education. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, namely: Mabel L., born on June 2, 1898, who died on January 7, 1906; Ruth E., born on April 27, 1902, and Wyman L., August 14, 1908.

Mr. Jennings is a Republican and is now president of the village board. He served on the council for a number of terms. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge at Montrose, and of the chapter at Flushing, and is also a member of the Gleaners. Mrs. Jennings is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM ROOT.

William Root, justice of the peace and a well-known and substantial farmer of Genesee township, this county, owner of a well-kept farm on rural route No. 7, out of Flint, is a native of the great Empire state, but has lived in Michigan since he was a child and has been a continuous witness to the development made in Genesee county during the past half century and more during which he has resided here. He was born on a farm in Porter township, Niagara county, New York, on March 9, 1853, son of William and Esther (Willie) Root, natives of that same state, who came to Michigan in that same year and spent their last days in this county.

The senior William Root was a farmer in his home county in New York and in 1853, attracted by the promises held out by this section of Michigan came to this state with his family and located on a farm in Mt. Morris township, this county. Two years later, in 1855, his wife died on that homestead farm, leaving three children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being Anna, who married Bert Hitchcock, and Eugene, now deceased. Some time later William Root married Harriet Maxwell and to that union three children were born, Charles, now deceased; Hattie, who married Junior Nichols, and Emma, who married Clarence Adams. William Root spent the rest of his life on his homestead farm in Mt. Morris township, his death occurring in July, 1904, and his widow, who still survives, is now making her home in Flint.

After the death of his mother in 1855, the junior William Root, then a little more than two years old, was taken in charge by his grandparents in New York state and was kept there until he was five years of age, or until after the second marriage of his father, when he was returned to this county and grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Mt. Morris township. He received his schooling in the schools of that township and after he became of age began to work on his own account. He was married when twenty-five years of age and about a year later bought a farm of forty acres in section 15 of Genesee township, where he established his home and where he has lived ever since. Some time later he bought an adjoining tract of twenty acres and has a very well-kept and well-cultivated farm of sixty acres. Mr. Root is a Republican and for years has taken an active interest in local political affairs. In 1900 he was elected justice of the peace in and for Genesee township and has been continuously re-elected to that office at each recurring election, now serving his sixteenth year in that important

public capacity. He is a member of the local Grange and has for years taken an earnest interest in the affairs of that organization.

It was on January 1, 1878, that William Root was united in marriage to Jessie Rumsey, who was born in Chemung county, New York, September 8, 1858, daughter of Stephen and Chloe (Edwards) Rumsey, both natives of that same county, the former born in 1812 and the latter, in 1819, who came to Michigan in 1865 and settled in Mt. Morris township, this county, where Stephen Rumsey died in 1875, at the age of sixty-three years and where his widow died in February, 1899. Stephen Rumsey was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Root was the last-born, the others being Emma, Rebecca, John, Nelson and Elizabeth. To Mr. and Mrs. Root three children have been born, Maud, who married Everett Goodale and is now living in Iowa; Jennie, who married Bert Pettingill and is now deceased, and John, who is farming in Genesee township. Mr. and Mrs. Root ever have taken an earnest interest in local affairs and have been active promoters of all movements having to do with the advancement of the best interests of their home community.

WILLIAM HENRY GILLETT.

William Henry Gillett, a well-known and well-to-do retired farmer of Genesee county, now and for some years past a resident of the pleasant village of Mt. Morris, is a native of New York state, but has been a resident of Michigan and of Genesee county since he was twelve years old. He was born on a farm in Tompkins county, New York, May 14, 1841, son of Nelson and Marie (Misner) Gillett, both natives of that same state, who came to Michigan in 1853, settling on a homestead farm in Vienna township, this county, where two years later, in 1855, Nelson Gillett was killed by a tree falling on him while clearing woods. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Melissa (deceased), Isaac and Nelson.

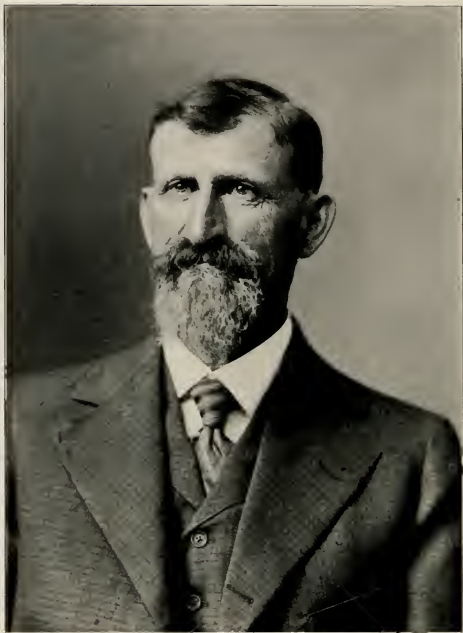
William H. Gillett received his schooling in New York state and in the schools of this county, after his arrival here having to walk three miles to school. He was fourteen years old when his father met his untimely death and being the eldest son, much of the responsibility of carrying on the work of the homestead farm for his widowed mother fell upon his shoulders.

He managed affairs in excellent shape and succeeded admirably, he and his brothers soon getting the home place under cultivation. He was twenty-six years old when he married and soon afterward bought his brothers' interests in the old homestead place of one hundred and sixty acres and there he made his home until he was thirty-seven years old, when he sold that place and bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres three miles west of Mt. Morris, where he established his home and where he became very successful, gradually adding to his holdings there until he had an admirably improved and profitably cultivated farm of five hundred and eight acres. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Gillett engaged somewhat extensively in the raising of live stock and did very well. In 1908 he turned the management of the farm over to his son, Harry Gillett, and he and his wife moved to Mt. Morris, where they since have made their home and where they are very pleasantly situated. Mr. Gillett is an independent Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of the officary of the same. He was formerly a member of the board of directors of the Genesee County Mutual Insurance Company and has for many years taken an active interest in the general development of the section of the county in which he has lived since pioneer days.

Mr. Gillett has been married twice. His first wife, who was Jennie Woolfut, died ten years after her marriage and he later married Hannah Woolfut, sister of his deceased wife, and to this union one child was born, a son, Harry, who, as noted above, is now managing the home farm west of Mt. Morris and is doing very well in his operations, being recognized as one of the most substantial and progressive farmers in that neighborhood. During the past five years four new barns have been erected on the Gillett farm and two silos, and on his other farm two barns and silos, while numerous modern improvements have been made in other directions.

JAMES H. BAXTER.

James H. Baxter, of Davison, one of the largest landowners in Genesee county, for years a merchant of that place and in other ways actively identified with the rapidly developing interests of his home county, is a native son of Michigan, born at Cassopolis on July 5, 1854. He is a son of Joseph and Mary (Wilson) Baxter, natives of England, who later became pioneers of Genesee county, where their last days were spent.



James H. Butler



Adaline M. Baxter

Joseph Baxter was born and reared in Lincolnshire, as was his wife. About three weeks after their marriage, more than sixty years ago, they came to the United States and about a year after their arrival in this country came to Michigan and settled at Cassopolis. Not long afterward they came to Genesee county and located in Davison township, where they spent the rest of their lives. Upon taking up his residence in this county, Joseph Baxter bought a tract of eighty acres of land in section 28, Davison township, about an acre of which tract had been previously tilled and on which stood a log cabin, and in that cabin he established his home. He rapidly brought the place under cultivation and it was not long until he had come to be regarded as one of the most substantial and influential farmers in that neighborhood. Joseph Baxter died in 1882 and his widow survived him many years, her death occurring in 1904. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: George, deceased; James H.; Wilson, of Mundy township, this county; Charles, of Gaines township, this county; Frank, deceased; Mary, deceased; Fred, of Richfield township, this county, and Mark, of that same township.

James H. Baxter was but a child when his parents moved to this county from Cassopolis and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Davison township, receiving his education in the neighboring school. He remained at home until he was twenty years old, when he bought a tract of eighty acres in Gaines township and straightway began to develop the same. The next year, 1875, he married and established his home on the Gaines township place, where he remained until his father's death, in 1882, after which he bought the interests of the other heirs in the home place and moved back there, remaining there until he moved to Davison and engaged in the mercantile business about seven years later. It was a co-operative store with which Mr. Baxter was at first connected at Davison, but he presently bought out the other shareholders in the concern and continued the same alone for about twenty-three years, at the end of which time he sold the store to his son, Arthur L. Baxter. During the period of his mercantile operations at Davison, Mr. Baxter also owned a store at Oxford, in the neighboring county of Oakland, which he sold to his other son, Clarence, and these stores the Baxter Brothers continued to operate until 1915, in which year they sold their stores in order that they might give their undivided attention to the extensive horse-sales business which they in the meantime had been developing and in which they have been very successful, now operating

flourishing sales stables at Davison, Flint, Oxford, Pontiac, Rochester and at Highland Park, Detroit, and doing a business of a half million dollars annually.

The Baxter brothers, under the careful direction of their father, received an excellent business training in their youth and have greatly profited thereby in their later dealings. Even when they were wearing knee pants they were commissioned by their father to go out over the county and buy live stock for him, his part being to check up their purchases and point out to them whatever, if any, errors of judgment on their part as buyers would be noted. After they were fourteen or fifteen years of age they were employed by their father, at good salaries, in the store during school vacations and at the age of fourteen Clarence Baxter was the buyer in the shoe department of the store at Davison, and at the age of twenty was placed in charge of a forty-thousand-dollar stock of goods at Oxford. When Mr. Baxter bought the store at Oxford it had been doing a business of about fifteen thousand dollars a year, but in the third year after Clarence Baxter came into possession of the same he had run the business up to one hundred thousand dollars a year. In addition to his extensive interest in the firm of Baxter Brothers, horse dealers, Clarence Baxter is also a large landowner, the proprietor of about six hundred acres of land. Arthur Baxter is equally prosperous, but his side interests are confined to other lines, principally town property, especially in Highland Park, Detroit, and Flint.

Even while engaged in the mercantile business at Davison, James H. Baxter continued his farming operations and gradually added to his land holdings in that neighborhood until he is now the owner of nine hundred acres of fine land, the direct management of which he retains in his own hands, personally superintending the considerable force of men required to cultivate his farms. For years he also was actively engaged in the business of buying and selling horses and built up a large trade in that line, which he continued until he finally turned it over to his sons, mentioned above, who are very successfully continuing the same, under the firm name of Baxter Brothers. Mr. Baxter has been a busy man ever since starting out on his own account when little more than a boy and still keeps busy. Though not greatly interested in politics, he has given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs and, with the exception of three years, has been a member of the Davison school board since 1889 and was chairman of that board at the time the fine, new school house at that place was erected. He also was chairman of the board of trustees of the Baptist church at Davison when that congregation erected its new house of worship. He also has had quite

a bit of experience with other buildings, having done quite a bit of building for himself. The Baxters have a fine, thoroughly modern brick residence at Davison and are very pleasantly situated.

On May 13, 1875, James H. Baxter was united in marriage to Adaline Leach, who was born on a pioneer farm in Atlas township, this county, daughter of George and Anna (Blackmore) Leach, early settlers of that part of the county, a further history of which family is set out in a biographical sketch relating to Mrs. Baxter's brother, William M. Leach, presented elsewhere in this volume. To this union four children have been born, namely: Minnie, who married Thomas Sturgeon, of Davison, and has one child, a daughter, Maxine, living, and two, Howard W. and Shirley, deceased; Arthur L., of Davison, member of the firm of Baxter Brothers, mentioned above, who married Esther Falkner and has one child, a daughter, Marie; Clarence, of Oxford, of the firm of Baxter Brothers, who married Anna Wertman, and they had one child, a daughter, Dorothy; he later married Erma Baker, and they have a daughter, Adeline; Marguerite is at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter are members of the Baptist church at Davison and for many years have been regarded as among the leaders in the social and cultural life of the community, in the development of which they have so long been active factors.

DEXTER DOUGLAS.

Dexter Douglas, a retired farmer of Mt. Morris, a veteran of the Civil War, former president of the village and present justice of the peace, was born in Orleans county, New York, April 29, 1842, the son of Wright and Elizabeth (Bassett) Douglas.

Wright Douglas was born at Riga, New York on May 30, 1809, and died at Mt. Morris on January 12, 1899. While living in New York state, Wright Douglas was engaged in farming, and in this vocation he continued on coming to Genesee county and settling at Fayville, a small town, two miles north of Mt. Morris. In 1865 he moved to Mt. Morris and built and managed the first hotel in that place. In 1867, the village was incorporated, and at an election held in the hotel, Wright Douglas was elected the first president, which position he held for two years. After managing the hotel for three years, Mr. Douglas returned to his farm, on which is now built a part of the town of Mt. Morris. The house in which he lived was the first

frame house to be erected in the town and is now occupied by Dexter Douglas.

Elizabeth (Bassett) Douglas was born in the state of New York on February 23, 1823, and died at her home at Mt. Morris on February 12, 1908. The parents of Elizabeth, soon after her marriage to Wright Douglas in September, 1840, removed to Utah, where they died some years later. Mary Douglas was one of two children. She was born on July 14, 1844, and married Henry Tibbets, a lumber inspector of Grand Rapids.

Dexter Douglas was educated in the district schools, of his township, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. On March 10, 1862, he enlisted in the Tenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served in the army for three years. During his service he was in a number of important engagements and was with Sherman in the march to the sea. After his return home, he managed the hotel at Mt. Morris, as his father's age and health would not permit of further activities in that line. In 1872, Mr. Douglas engaged in engineering, at which he worked for three years. He then clerked in a general store at Mt. Morris until his appointment as post-master, on July 1, 1897, which position he held until March 30, 1915.

Dexter Douglas married Mary Granger, who was born on March 12, 1844, and died in October, 1906. To this union two children were born, Minnie, the wife of Frank Crandall, born in 1867, and Mattie, the wife of N. N. Davison, born in 1872. On February 5, 1907, Dexter Douglas married Mrs. Victoria (Bartkowiak) Kinney, who was born in Gifford township, Tuscola county, this state, November 25, 1884, daughter of Casper and Valentine Bartkowiak, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1877 and settled in Bay City, this state, where they lived for three years, at the end of which time they removed to Tuscola county, where they purchased a farm and remained for fourteen years. They later removed to Saginaw and then to Flint where they now reside. To Dexter and Victoria Douglas have been born four children, Dexter, born on March 4, 1908; Mary Victoria, March 2, 1910; Carl, May 18, 1912, and Lynn Mark, January 6, 1915. By her marriage to Patrick Kinney, a farmer of Saginaw county, who died on March 26, 1905, Mrs. Douglas is the mother of two children, Marie Valentine, born on October 21, 1903, and Casper Patrick, on August 2, 1905.

Dexter Douglas is a Republican and was the first village clerk of Mt. Morris. He has served as trustee and as president of the village and for a number of years was a member of the school board. He has also served as clerk of both Genesee and Mt. Morris townships and is at present justice

of the peace of Mt. Morris township. Mr. Douglas is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Grand Army of the Republic. in the affairs of all of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

JAMES P. HILLER.

James P. Hiller, a well-known and well-to-do retired farmer of Genesee township, this county, owner of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on rural route No. 3, out of Flint, former justice of the peace in and for his home township and in other ways for many years actively identified with the general and civic affairs of that community, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here most all his life, having been a witness to the development of this region since pioneer days. He was born on a homestead farm in Burton township, this county, February 1, 1845, son of John and Mary (Sherman) Hiller, natives of the state of New York, both born within twenty miles of the city of Buffalo, who became early settlers in this county and here spent their last days.

John Hiller and his wife were married in their native state and three years later, in the latter thirties, came to Michigan, driving through by horse-team as far as Oakland, where they traded their horses for oxen and drove on through the forests to Genesee county by ox-team. Upon arriving here John Hiller homesteaded a half section of land in Burton township, established his home there and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He gave one of his "eighties" to his brother for having located the land and kept the other three "eighties" until his death, becoming one of the most substantial pioneers of his neighborhood. He was a Democrat and held township office of one character or another for many years. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were among the charter members of the first church of that organization established at Burton. John Hiller lived to a ripe old age, as did his wife, his death occurring in 1900 and hers, in 1895. They were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom are living and one who died in infancy, namely: David W., who was killed in a railroad accident at Flint, April 4, 1916; Philena, who married John Graves; Mary, who married Theophilus Herrington, of Flint; Cyrus, of Bay City; Levi, of Walla Walla, Washington; James P., the subject of this biographical sketch; Frank, of Richfield township; Henry, now living in the state of Oregon;

Lewis, of Flint; Jane, who married Charles K. Warner, and Charles C. of Flint.

James P. Hiller remained on the homestead farm in Burton township, assisting in the development and improvement of the same and receiving his schooling in the neighboring district school, until he was eighteen years old, when he went to Flint and for twelve years engaged there, working in the Haskell saw-mill. He then went over into Lapeer county and for four years was engaged working for lumber companies there. In the meantime, in 1867, he had married a Genesee county girl and in 1877 he returned to this county with his family, and on November 15 of that year bought a tract of eighty acres in Genesee township, established his home there and has ever since lived on that place, though for some years past living practically retired from the active labors of the farm. As his farming operations prospered, Mr. Hiller bought an adjoining "forty" and has long been the owner of his present fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He has a very pleasant home there and he and his wife are quite comfortably situated. Mr. Hiller is a Democrat and has held various township offices, including that of justice of the peace. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church at Genesee and he is one of the office-bearers in the same. Mr. Hiller has lived past the "allotted" span of three score years and ten and it is interesting to note that he never has had a suit at law, nor has any of his brothers.

It was on July 14, 1867, that James P. Hiller was united in marriage to Alvira Hibbard, who was born in Genesee township, this county, August 12, 1848, and to this union three children have been born, Carrie B., who married Louis Richmond, of Flint; Abbie M., who married George Stephens, of Mt. Morris, and Floyd J., who is connected with the postoffice at Flint.

FERDINAND AND LOUIS BARISSET.

The Bariset brothers, Ferdinand and Louis, two of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Genesee township, this county, proprietors in joint ownership of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on rural route No. 3, out of Flint, are natives of the Alsace-Lorraine country, but have been residents of Genesee county since the days of their young manhood and have done very well in their operations here, long having been regarded as among the most progressive and energetic farmers in their neighborhood.

Ferdinand Bariset, the elder of the two brothers, was born on June 18, 1858, son of Casper and Margaret (Shemanich) Bariset, also native Alsatians, who spent all their lives in their home country, and who were the parents of seven children, of whom Ferdinand was the fifth in order of birth and Louis, the last-born. In 1880, he then being twenty-two years of age, Ferdinand Bariset came to the United States, landing at the port of New York, where he remained a short time and then came to Michigan, locating in Genesee county, where he has remained ever since. For a couple of weeks after coming to this county he stopped in Grand Blanc township and then went up into Richfield township, where he began working for B. Conrad, at a wage of five dollars a month. After a couple of months of that employment he began working for Jacob Hanna, of that same township, at a wage of eleven dollars during the summer months and five dollars during the winter months. After eighteen months of that service he had saved sufficient money to pay for the passage of his younger brother, Louis, and sent for the latter, who arrived in due time and ever since the two brothers have been very closely associated in their operations in this county. For eight months longer Ferdinand Bariset continued his service on the Hanna farm, receiving thirteen dollars a month for his services, and then transferred his services to Frank P. Coolie, on whose farm he worked for four years, at a wage of eighteen dollars during the summer months and fifteen dollars during the winter months. In the meantime his brother, Louis Bariset, also had been making good use of his time, working on farms in that same neighborhood, and the brothers presently were enabled to buy a farm of forty acres in Richfield township, Louis taking charge of the place and Ferdinand continuing his wage earning. Soon afterward they rented a tract of eighty acres near their own place and for three years operated both tracts. They then sold their farm to advantage and in partnership bought a tract of seventy acres in Genesee township, where they ever since have made their home and where they are very pleasantly and comfortably situated. Not long after acquiring their new farm they added to the same by the purchase of an adjoining tract of fifty acres and ever since have been farming one hundred and twenty acres of their own land and have done very well. Their farm is well drained and well improved, with a fine, large house built in 1904 of cement blocks made by themselves on the home place and a large and well-equipped barn, thirty-four by eighty-four. The brothers carry about twenty head of cattle, twenty-five hogs and seven or eight horses and their farming operations are carried on along modern lines.

Louis Bariset is married and his elder brother has been a member of his household ever since it was established. Mrs. Bariset, who before her marriage was Adaline Neuman, was born on May 10, 1862. To her union with Lewis Bariset one child has been born, a daughter, Rose, who married Ernest McNeal. The Bariset brothers are good farmers and enterprising, public-spirited citizens, both they and Mrs. Bariset taking an active and earnest interest in the general welfare of the community in which they live.

ORLANDO K. HATHAWAY.

Orlando K. Hathaway, a well-known and well-to-do retired farmer of Davison township, this county, who for years has been actively engaged in commercial pursuits in the village of Davison and otherwise prominently identified with the affairs of that part of the county, is a native of the state of New York, but has been a resident of this county since he was four years old. He was born in Porter township, Niagara county, New York, May 14, 1852, son of Lafayette and Ellen (McCollum) Hathaway, natives of that same county, who came to Michigan in the middle fifties and settled in Genesee county, where their last days were spent.

Lafayette Hathaway was born in the year 1824 and grew to manhood in his native county of Niagara, in the state of New York, where he married Ellen McCollum, who was born in that same county in 1832. In 1856 they came to Michigan and settled in this county, locating on a farm at the west edge of Atlas township. A year or two later they moved to Davison township, where Mr. Hathaway bought a tract of eighty acres in the northwest quarter of section 21 and forty acres adjoining on the north, in section 16, and there he established his home in the unbroken forest, having to clear a spot for the erection of his house. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War, Lafayette Hathaway enlisted in Company K, Twenty-third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served for more than three years. He was wounded during the service and never permanently recovered from the effects of that wound, his health ever afterward being impaired by reason of it. At the conclusion of his military service he resumed his farming operations and became one of Davison township's substantial and influential citizens. During the period from 1866 to 1868 he served as township treasurer and also held other township offices. About 1878 he retired from the



ORLANDO K. HATHAWAY.



MRS. AMELIA HATHAWAY.

farm and moved to Flint, where his death occurred on January 2, 1880. His widow survived him sixteen years, her death occurring in 1896.

Orlando K. Hathaway, the only surviving member of the family of Lafayette Hathaway, was about four years old when his parents came to Genesee county from New York and he grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Davison township, receiving his schooling in the neighboring schools. From the days of his early boyhood he was a valuable assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home place, remaining at home after growing to manhood, having practical charge of the farm, owing to the unstable state of his father's health. After his marriage in 1878 his parents retired from the farm and moved to Flint, as noted above, and he established himself on the old home place, where he continued farming for twenty-five years, at the end of which time he sold that farm of one hundred and twenty acres and moved to another farm that he owned in that same township. He lived there for a year while he was erecting a house in the village of Davison, into which he moved upon its completion and where he has ever since made his home. Upon moving to Davison Mr. Hathaway became engaged as a traveling salesman for an insurance company and after a year of that form of service opened store in Davison, where he engaged in the sale of implements, harness and general farmers' supplies and was thus engaged until he sold his store in January, 1914. In the meantime he had been developing a growing business in another part of the town, in the way of fertilizer, fencing, fire-proof safes and some other lines and has since then been devoting his whole attention to that business, in which he is doing very well. Mr. Hathaway has long been recognized as one of the ablest salesmen in the way of agricultural supplies in this part of the state, and even while he was engaged in conducting his store often was called on to make trips on a special bit of salesmanship.

Mr. Hathaway has been twice married. In 1887 he was united in marriage to Amelia Long, who was born in the village of Goodrich, this county, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Esterly) Long, of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, who came to Michigan during the fifties. Mrs. Amelia Hathaway died on November 8, 1908, and on December 28, 1909, Mr. Hathaway married Winifred Hammond, who was born in Burton township, this county, daughter of Mortimer and Alice (Rockwood) Hammond, life-long residents of this county, the former of whom is a farmer and carpenter of Davison township. Mr. Hathaway is past master of Davison Lodge No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons; past noble grand of Vernon Lodge No. 400, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the same village, and is also a member of

the Ancient Order of Gleaners, in the affairs of all of which orders he takes a warm interest. He and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Daughters of Rebekah. His first wife was worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star at the time of her death and the present Mrs. Hathaway is noble grand of the local lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah and secretary of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

J. HERMAN TAYLOR.

J. Herman Taylor, treasurer of Genesee township, this county, and one of the best-known and most substantial farmers and dairymen in that part of the county, owner of a fine farm of ninety-nine acres on rural route No. 3, out of Flint, and for years actively identified with the work of developing the best interests of the neighborhood in which he lives, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in section 4 of Genesee township on June 22, 1867, son and only child of Nathaniel and Sophronia (Stuart) Taylor, the former a native of Ohio, born near the city of Cleveland on March 16, 1832, and the latter of New York state, born in the vicinity of Medina, May 6, 1838, who came to Michigan in the days of their childhood with their respective parents, both families settling in Genesee county, and here they spent their last days.

Nathaniel Taylor was but five years old when his parents, Hiram and Prudence (Fuller) Taylor, came to Michigan and settled at Flint, which at that time was a straggling hamlet with but five frame houses. Hiram Taylor died within less than a year after coming here, leaving his widow with ten children. The widow remained here and survived for many years, but after the death of her husband the family was divided and young Nathaniel was sent to the home of his grandparents in Connecticut, where he lived until he was seventeen years old, when he returned to Flint and learned the carpenter's trade, becoming a very proficient workman. There, on September 1, 1853, he married Sophia Davison, who was born on August 16, 1835. To that union two children were born, Charles on January 12, 1855, who died at the age of seven months, and Sarah, February 12, 1856, who married J. P. Russell. The mother of these children died in the fall of 1856 and Nathaniel Taylor afterward moved from Flint out into the country north of town, where he was engaged working at his trade when the Civil War broke out. In 1861 he enlisted for service in Company I,

Tenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and was detailed to the Engineers and Mechanics Corps. Upon the completion of his original term of enlistment he re-enlisted and served nearly four years. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Taylor returned to Genesee county and on April 10, 1864, married Sophronia Stuart, who had come to this county from Ohio when eleven years old with her parents, John and Dollie (Stuart) Stuart, the family settling in section 2 of Genesee township, later moving to a farm in section 4 of that same township, where John Stuart died on March 16, 1881, at the age of eighty years. His widow survived until July 9, 1900, she being ninety-one years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Taylor was the sixth in order of birth. After his marriage Nathaniel Taylor made his home on a farm in section 4 of Genesee township and lived there for twenty-two years, at the end of which time he bought a small farm in section 14 of that same township and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on October 13, 1914, he then being eighty-two years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave two or three years, her death having occurred on December 16, 1911, she then having been seventy-three years of age. Nathaniel Taylor was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

J. Herman Taylor was reared on the paternal farm in Genesee township, receiving his elementary education in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and supplemented the same by a course in the normal school at Flint, after which he taught school for one term at Flushing. He then bought a fourteen-acre tract in section 14 of his home township and for six years was there engaged in fruit and berry farming. He then for three years worked the home farm and in 1893 he bought a twenty-acre tract, adjoining the same on the south, in section 23. In 1896 he married and in 1901 bought another "forty" adjoining his place on the south. In 1913 he bought an additional twenty acres in section 22 and is now farming ninety-nine acres. Mr. Taylor's farm is well improved and profitably cultivated. In addition to his general farming he has gone in somewhat extensively for dairying and poultry raising and has a fine herd of cattle, Durhams and Holsteins, and a promising lot of chickens, a cross of Rhode Island Reds and White Leghorns. He also has a fine bunch of Jersey Red hogs and is doing very well in his operations, regarding his dairy and chicken yard as very valuable adjuncts to his farm. In 1907 Mr. Taylor built a fine, large barn, thirty-two by sixty-two, with cement floor and modern equipment and is well fixed in his farming arrangements. He is a Repub-

lican and has served as school inspector in his district for many years. In the two years, 1904-05, he served as township treasurer and in 1915 was again elected to that office and was re-elected in 1916, now serving his fourth term in that capacity.

It was on March 25, 1896, that J. Herman Taylor was united in marriage to Mary P. Clark, who was born in Ritchfield township, this county, March 14, 1875, daughter of Edwin G. and Emma (Woolman) Clark, the former of whom, born in this state in November, 1844, is still living and the latter, born in New York state on May 15, 1851, died in July, 1913, at the age of sixty-two years. Edwin G. Clark and wife were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in infancy, the others, besides Mrs. Taylor, being Russell, Howard, Harold, Julia, who married Andrew Riegel, and Lois, who married Joseph Coon. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor six children have been born, namely: Norris, born on January 25, 1897; Ruth, March 19, 1901; Donald, February 28, 1903; Alton, August 27, 1904; Lawson, June 8, 1909, and Marguerite, September 7, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are members of the Methodist Protestant church at Genesee and take an active interest in church affairs as well as in the general good works of their home community.

JOHN CLARK.

John Clark, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of Genesee township, this county, proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and forty-two acres on rural route No. 3, out of Flint, and for years actively identified with the promotion of the best interests of his home community, is a native of England, but has lived in this county ever since he was three years old and has therefore been a witness to and a participant in the wonderful development that has marked this region during the past generation. He was born in the city of Liverpool on January 1, 1865, son of John and Margaret (Crilley) Clark, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England, who became residents of Genesee county in 1868 and the latter of whom is still living here, at a ripe old age.

The senior John Clark was born on February 14, 1822, and remained at his home in Ireland until after the death of his parents, when he became a sailor and followed the sea until 1848, when he became attracted by the discovery of gold in California and went to that new Eldorado, where he remained until 1852, without, however, "striking it rich." He then returned

to a sailor's life and presently returned to England, where, in the early sixties, he married Margaret Crilley, who was born in that country in 1842, and made his home in the city of Liverpool until early in 1868, when he came to the United States with his family and proceeded straightway to Michigan, arriving in Genesee county in March of that year. Upon coming to this county, Mr. Clark bought a farm of forty acres in section 25, Genesee township, the present home of the subject of this sketch, and there established his home, spending the rest of his life there. When he bought the place about three acres of it had been cleared and there was a log cabin on the place, he and his family making their home in that humble abode until the way presently was clear to erect a more substantial residence. Mr. Clark cleared his original "forty," and as he prospered in his farming operations added to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres. John Clark died on his home farm on February 12, 1907, he then being eighty-five years of age, and his widow survives him, she now being in her seventy-fifth year. To them four children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Anna, who died at the age of seven years; Margaret, born on July 13, 1869, who married Grant Jobson, of Chicago, and James H., born on September 26, 1871.

The junior John Clark was a little past three years of age when his parents came to Michigan and he grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Genesee township, where he always has made his home. His schooling was obtained in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and from early boyhood he was a valuable assistant to his father in the work of developing and improving the home place. After his marriage in 1890 Mr. Clark continued to make his home on his father's farm and has lived there ever since. Until his father's death he worked the home place in partnership with his father and after the death of the latter bought the interests of the other heirs in one hundred acres of the home farm and later bought an adjoining tract of forty-two acres and has since been quite successfully farming his place of one hundred and forty-two acres. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Clark has given considerable attention to the raising of cattle, hogs and sheep and has done very well. His place is well improved and his operations are carried on in accordance with approved agricultural methods.

It was on November 5, 1890, that John Clark was united in marriage to Edna J. Parker, who was born in Richfield township, this county, July 31, 1871, daughter of Enos and Jane (Lash) Parker, both natives of this

county, the former born in 1845 and the latter on August 25, 1851, who are still living on their farm in Richfield township, well-known and substantial residents of that community. Mrs. Clark is the eldest of the four children born to her parents, the others being Charles, born on March 25, 1873, who is living in Richfield township; Mary, April 14, 1878, who married Watson W. Billings, and Bertha, born in October, 1891, who died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark five children have been born, namely: Lehla, born on September 29, 1893, who was graduated from the high school at Flint and is now teaching school; Hugh R., August 7, 1895, also a graduate of the Flint high school, who is now a valued assistant to his father in the work of the home farm; Gladys M., May 16, 1897, who died at the age of seven years; Erma B., July 8, 1905, and Velma, December 20, 1915. The Clarks have a very pleasant home and take a warm interest in the general social life of the community in which they live.

WILLIAM F. EATON.

The late William F. Eaton, for years one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Genesee township, this county, and long prominently connected with the general activities of that neighborhood, was a native of the great Empire state, but had been a resident of this county since he was about nine years old and had therefore been a witness to and a participant in the wonderful development that has marked this region within the past generation. He was born at Fulton, in Oswego county, New York, November 15, 1858, son of Wellington and Sarah Jane (Williams) Eaton, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York state, who later became pioneers of this section of Michigan and spent their last days in Genesee county.

Wellington Eaton was born in Ohio on October 30, 1828, and when a young man moved to Fulton, New York, where he married Sarah Jane Williams, who was born at Fulton on March 9, 1834, and lived there until about 1867, when he came with his family to Michigan and settled on a farm in Mundy township, this county. In 1877 Wellington Eaton sold his Mundy township farm and bought a farm in section 6, Davison township, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on April 19, 1902, he then being seventy-four years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave nearly ten years, her death having occurred on March 27, 1893, she then

being fifty-nine years of age. To them two sons had been born, William F. and Fred, the latter of whom is still living in Genesee county.

William F. Eaton was but a boy when his parents came to this county from New York and he grew to manhood on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the neighboring district schools. When twenty-one years of age he married and for ten years thereafter was engaged in farming in Flint and Mundy townships and then bought a farm of forty acres in Davison township, where he lived for ten years, at the end of which time he sold that farm and bought an eighty-acre farm in Richfield township, where he made his home for six years. He then bought the eighty-acre farm in Genesee township, on rural route No. 3, out of Flint, where he spent the rest of his life and where his widow is still living, his death occurring there on March 10, 1915, he then being fifty-eight years of age. Mr. Eaton had brought his farm to an excellent state of cultivation, had improved it in good shape, had a substantial set of buildings and he and his family were very comfortably situated. He was a Republican in his political views, a strong party man, and had rendered excellent public service as a member of the local school board. He was a member of the Order of Gleaners and for years had taken a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

It was on November 27, 1879, that William F. Eaton was united in marriage to Mary M. Stanard, who was born in Mundy township, this county, November 23, 1860, daughter of David S. and Eliza Jane (Williams) Stanard, natives of New York state, whose last days were spent in this county. David S. Stanard was born in Genesee county, New York, March 25, 1834, son of Roswell and Malinda (Cooley) Stanard, the former born in 1808 and the latter on December 29, 1814, who came to Michigan the year this state was admitted to statehood and settled on a homestead farm in Flint township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Roswell Stanard dying in 1881 and his widow, May 11, 1893, she then being seventy-nine years of age. Roswell Stanard and his wife were the parents of five children, Earl, David S., Theodore, and Marcus and Marcia, twins. David S. Stanard was about three years old when his parents came to this county from their native state of New York and he grew to manhood on the homestead farm in Flint township, remaining there until his marriage, after which he began farming for himself and became a substantial farmer. His wife, who was Eliza Jane Williams, was born in Fulton, Oswego county, New York, and had come to this county with her parents in her girlhood and had grown to womanhood here. To David S. Stanard and wife three children were born, of whom Mrs. Eaton, the first-

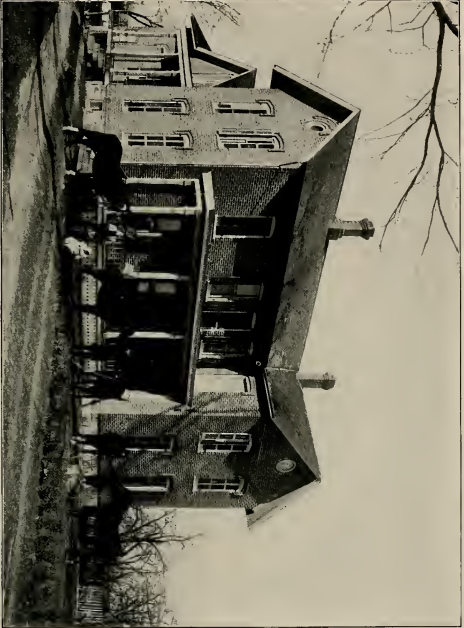
born, is now the only survivor, the others having been Alletta, born on January 6, 1867, who married Thomas Ryan, of Canada, and died on November 4, 1907, and Charles, born on November 17, 1874, who died on October 13, 1913. Mary Stanard received her schooling in the district schools in the neighborhood of the Stanard home and remained there until her marriage to Mr. Eaton. To that union two children were born, Charles Herbert and Bessie Frances, the latter of whom married Floyd J. Hiller and is now living at Flint.

Charles Herbert Eaton received his schooling in the district schools of Richfield township and grew up on the home farm, a valuable assistant to his father in the development and improvement of the same. On November 1, 1906, he married Hattie Horton, who was born in Richfield township, this county, and to this union two children have been born, Frances, born on May 4, 1910, and Florence, July 30, 1911. In 1912 Charles H. Eaton bought forty acres of land in the same section as that in which the home farm is located and is now successfully farming both that tract and his mother's "eighty" and is doing very well. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the breeding of Shropshire sheep and is regarded as one of the progressive and wideawake farmers of that neighborhood.

WILLIAM H. HOWE.

In the memorial annals of the western part of Genesee county there are few names that occupy a higher position or are held in better memory than the name of the late William H. Howe, who for many years was one of the best-known men and one of the most influential and substantial factors in the common life of the Davison neighborhood. As hotel man, merchant, horseman, farmer, sugar-beet man and highway commissioner, he made a good name for himself and at his passing left a memory that will long be cherished in that community, for he was a man who always looked on the bright side of life and by his cheery manner created a good influence in his community. He left a fine piece of property, his farm in Davison township having been brought to a high state of cultivation by his energetic efforts, and there his widow and his two younger sons are still living, very pleasantly situated.

William H. Howe was a native of the dominion of Canada, born near



WILLIAM H. HOWE HOMESTEAD, DAVISON TOWNSHIP.

the city of London, Ontario, April 22, 1858, son of Michael and Catharine (Kilbride) Howe, both natives of Ireland. He grew to manhood in Canada and when about twenty-two years of age came to Michigan and put in a season in the lumber woods. Later he returned to Canada, but in 1881 he returned to this state, settling in Genesee county, where he spent practically all the rest of his life, becoming one of the best-known men in this section of the state. For four years after coming here he was employed in the cheese factory of Henry Ball, a prominent farmer of Davison township, and in 1886 married one of Mr. Ball's daughters. For two years after his marriage he and his wife conducted a hotel in the village of Davison and then moved to Owosso, where for a year he was engaged in the livery business. He then was engaged in the hotel business at Chesaning for four years, at the end of which time he returned to Davison and for two years was engaged in the drug business in that village, after which he moved to Linden and for a year conducted a hotel there. Mr. Howe then took up farming, buying a farm of eighty acres west of the village of Davison, where he lived for four years, selling his farm then and engaging in the sale of agricultural implements. He was engaged in that line for two years, at the end of which time he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres in section 22, Davison township, and there spent the rest of his life, becoming very well circumstanced. When he bought that farm it was only slightly improved, but he quickly brought it to a good state of cultivation, improved it in fine shape and did very well. Mr. Howe was widely known throughout this part of the state as a fancier and breeder of fine horses and during his activities in that line raised and handled a number of prize-winning animals, including "Lady Allen," "Alta H." and the beautiful stallion, "Golden Regent." He took an active part in local civic affairs and for two years, or as long as he would accept the position, performed admirable service as highway commissioner. About 1906 Mr. Howe took up the field work for the Mt. Clemens Sugar Company, making contracts with beet growers, overseeing the supply of seeds, the harvesting of the crops and the like and continued thus engaged, doing a great work in behalf of the promotion of the sugar-beet culture hereabout, until his death on June 20, 1914. Mr. Howe was a Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Ancient Order of Gleaners and in the affairs of all these organizations took a warm interest.

As noted above, in 1886 William H. Howe was united in marriage to Jennie Rachel Ball, who was born in Davison township, this county, daugh-

ter of Henry and Elizabeth (Pettis) Ball, well-known and prominent residents of that township. To that union were born three sons, Daniel Ball, born on August 26, 1895; Bruce Henry, October 14, 1900, and Archibald William, August 25, 1903. Daniel B. Howe spent one year in the United States army after his father's death and is now employed by the Winchester Rifle Company at New Haven, Connecticut. Bruce H. Howe and Archibald W. Howe continued to make their home with their mother on the farm. The Howes have a fine place, a good, big brick house, with stone porches and well-kept grounds, one of the best country homes in that part of the county. In a biographical sketch relating to A. M. Trumble, well-known stockman at Davison, presented elsewhere in this volume, there is set out a full history of Mrs. Howe's family, the family of the late Henry Ball, Mrs. Trumble and Mrs. Howe being sisters, and to that sketch the reader is respectfully referred for additional information regarding the Ball family.

WILLIAM H. SARGENT.

The late William H. Sargent was born in Jefferson county, New York, September 3, 1843, a son of Edmond and Louisa (Young) Sargent, and died at his home in Clio, Genesee county, Michigan, on February 17, 1916. Edmond Sargent, his father, was born in England and came with his parents to America when a small boy. The family settled in Jefferson county, New York, in what was called the Pennet Square, and there Edmond Sargent grew to manhood and was educated. He engaged in farming at that place, making it his home until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty years. Louisa Young was born in Mohawk Valley, New York, and she lived to the age of seventy-eight years. Edmond Sargent and wife were the parents of six children: William H., the immediate subject of this memorial review; George, Byron, Elnoria, who became the wife of Benjamin Petrie; Orvil and Etta, the last-named having died when young.

William H. Sargent received his education in the district schools of his home township in New York, being a pupil of the "Tanner school." In his younger days he assisted his father with the work of the home farm. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted for service in 1861 in the Union army in Company B, Ninety-fourth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. This regiment was first stationed at Sackett Harbor; in 1862, early in the spring, was sent to Alexandria, and for awhile was assigned to guard duty.

The regiment was commanded by Colonel Root and became a part of the Army of the Potomac, under the command of Gen. George B. McClellan, in 1862; afterward commanded by Burnside, Hooker and Mead. Mr. Sargent followed the fortunes of his regiment under these several commanders, participating in the battles of Cedar Mountain, Gainesville, Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, and other battles and skirmishes in which his regiment was engaged, and was present at Lee's surrender at Appomatox. In all these battles Mr. Sargent escaped any serious wound. He was in the hospital for six weeks on account of sickness. He served until the close of the war. The regiment was mustered out in 1865, when he returned home and worked with his father on the farm for a few years.

For a few years after his marriage, Mr. Sargent managed his father's farm, and then purchased a farm of his own. Later he sold out and came to Michigan settling first in Flushing, then purchased a farm near Birch Run; worked on this farm for a few years, when he disposed of it and bought another farm in Genesee county. After operating this for a time, he sold a part of it, retiring from active farm life, and removed to Clio in 1902, where he made his home until his death in 1916.

On July 9, 1865, William A. Sargent was married to Emogine Marble, who was born in Jefferson county, New York, March 22, 1844, a daughter of Nathan W. and Elinore (Enos) Marble. Nathan W. Marble was a son of Nathan and Lydia (Sherman) Marble, the former of whom was a native of Vermont, and a commissioned officer in the War of 1812. In early life he removed to New York and engaged in farming there, where he lived the remainder of his life. His wife was a native of New York, and lived there all of her life. The senior Nathan Marble and wife were the parents of twelve children, among whom were Jane, Lydia Ann, Augusta, Norman, Augustus and Nathan. Mrs. Sargent's father, Nathan Marble, Jr., was born in Jefferson county, New York, and lived there until about 1867, when he sold out his interests and moved to Michigan. He purchased a farm in Montrose township, this county, where he lived the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1895, at the age of sixty-five years. Although he worked most of the time at farm work, he was a carpenter by trade, and worked at his trade for some time in the shipyard at Saginaw. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a Republican in politics, and an active and influential worker in that party. He held several town offices, and was justice of the peace at the time of his death. Elinore (Enos) Marble was also a native of Jefferson county, New York, and was

married there. Her death occurred in 1912, at the age of eighty-seven years. Nathan Marble and wife were the parents of the following children: Mrs. William H. Sargent; Sylvia, the wife of Albert Spalsbury; Marian, the wife of Andrew Marion; Ida, wife of George Dexter; Carrie, wife of Edward Thompkinson; Eva, who died while young; Frances, wife of James Marion; John, who married Mary Johnson; Nettie, wife of Charles Gridly, and Milvian, who married Carrie Sherman. Mrs. Sargent's maternal grandfather was Benjamin Enos, who married Huldah Wells, both natives of New York, where they were farmers. Their children were Pamela, Lucy Ann, Elinor and Joseph. William H. Sargent and wife were the parents of one daughter, Verna E., who became the wife of Harry J. Hudson, who manages a grain elevator at Otisville and also owns one at Montrose village. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson are the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth Jene Hudson.

Mr. Sargent was a Republican in politics, and took an active interest in local political affairs. While still living on the farm he served one year as highway commissioner, and served three terms of four years each as justice of the peace, and was holding that office at the time of his death. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was active in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been commander of the local post at the time of his death. He was also a member of Wat League Camp, Sons of Veterans, and served as commander of the camp. He attended the reunion at Gettysburg two years ago and enjoyed it very much.

MRS. RUEY ANN PAINE.

Mrs. Ruey Ann (Richardson) Paine was born in Clayton township, this county, January 4, 1847, daughter of Alfred and Ruey Persons Richardson. Alfred Richardson was born in Vermont, October 18, 1812. His early years were spent in New York, where he lived until 1836, when he came to Michigan, settling at Flushing when that place had but one house. He followed the occupation of a farmer all his active life. When he first came to this county he worked for Mr. Brent by the month, thereby earning money to pay for ninety-three acres of land which he had purchased from Brent. He cut the road through the woods from Flushing to within a half mile of his home. He built a log house and moved into it and began the work of clearing ground on which he could cultivate crops. He soon had

a number of acres under cultivation, adding more land to his original purchase from time to time until he had accumulated quite a large body of land. He continued to make that place his home until his death, which occurred on May 20, 1895, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife was born on April 6, 1813, and lived to be more than ninety years of age. There were three children in this family: Henry, who married Emaline Packard and died in 1892; Lucy Ann, deceased, and Mrs. Paine, the subject of this sketch.

Ruey Ann Richardson was educated in the district school (the Richardson school) and lived at home until her marriage, March 20, 1867, to William Paine. He was born in Tompkins county, New York, November 22, 1836, where he lived until 1844, when he came West with his parents, Samuel H. and Susan (Crippen) Paine, and located in Michigan. Samuel H. Paine was born on May 13, 1812, and was married to Susan Crippen in 1832. He was a son of George and Clara (Hill) Paine, who lived and died in Elmira, New York. They were Baptists in religious faith. They had twelve children, of whom four are still living, Samuel, Edward, George and Mrs. Sarah Parker. Samuel H. Paine's great-grandfather was Brinton Paine, who was a native of England and was a colonel during the Revolutionary War. Samuel H. Paine was a blacksmith by trade and followed that vocation until he lost an eye, when he sold his blacksmith shop and bought a farm. After the death of his wife he sold his farm and moved to Flushing where he built a fine home. Soon afterward he married Eunice Newell, a widow, and they made their home in Flushing until their death, she dying in August, 1892, and he, in 1902. To Samuel H. and Susan (Crippen) Paine three children were born, Arminda, who married Hiram Ransom and is living in Lansing; William, the deceased husband of the subject of this sketch, and Decatur, who is now living in Detroit.

William Paine attended school for some time after coming to Flushing. He then worked on farms and also at the salt wells at Saginaw. Later he bought a farm and engaged in farming until 1893, when he retired from active farm work and removed to Flushing. For a few years he was interested in looking after farms and on one of the trips while thus engaged he took a severe cold, from the effects of which he died on April 30, 1908. Mr. Paine was a Republican in political faith, and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

To William and Ruey Ann (Richardson) Paine seven children were born, Mary A., Emaline, Hattie, Willard, Alice, Nellie E. and Frank, the latter of whom died when ten months of age. Mary A. Paine married Samuel Jones and is living in Clayton township, on the old Richardson

homestead, which Mr. Jones is farming. They have three children, Harry, who married Mary Coffee, and Cornelia and Helen. Emaline Paine married Frank Holser, of Flushing and has four children, Erwin, Howard, Mabel and Nellie A. Hattie Paine married George Judd, also of Flushing, and has one child, Merton Irving. Willard Paine has been twice married. He is now living at Grand Rapids and has one child, Viola, by his first wife. Alice Paine is living at home with her mother. Nellie E. Paine married Ray Budd, of Flushing, and has one daughter, Frances Luella. Mrs. Paine is living in a comfortable home on Beech street, Flushing. She is a member of and an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church.

LEWIS B. FULLER.

Lewis B. Fuller, of Clio, member of the village council and local field man for the Michigan Sugar Company, was born in Laingsburg, Shiawassee county, Michigan, September 21, 1874, a son of Dr. Luman L. and Sarah (Williams) Fuller, the former of whom was a son of Job and Louisa (Gregory) Fuller. Job Fuller was a native of Vermont and lived in that state in his younger days. He came to Michigan in 1830 and settled in Oakland county, near Commerce, and entered government land. It was all wild land, but he built a house and began the work of clearing the land and putting it in shape for cultivation. He continued to make his home there for a number of years and then removed to Shiawassee county, settling near Benington. There he bought land and had a large farm at the time of his death, at the age of eighty years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a Democrat in politics. Louisa (Gregory) Fuller was born in Germany and came to the United States in her younger years and settled in Vermont, where she was later married. She was the mother of ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom William is the only one now living. He is engaged in the stock business at Shepherd, Michigan. The mother died when about eighty years old.

Dr. Luman L. Fuller was born in Commerce, Oakland county, Michigan, June 12, 1841. He received his elementary education in the schools of that place and at Pontiac and lived at home until he was married, February 19, 1860, to Sarah E. Williams. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E, Fourteenth Regiment, Michigan Infantry, and served in the army until discharged on account of an injury. After the war he settled at Laingsburg,

where he made his home while conducting a mercantile business, which he conducted for three years. He then entered the State University and took a course in medicine, graduating from that institution about 1872, presently locating at Birch Run where he was engaged in the practice of his profession for about one year. In October, 1875, Doctor Fuller moved to Clio and opened an office and engaged in the general practice of medicine. He was a highly respected citizen and a popular and successful physician. He continued in active practice until his death, June 24, 1899. He was a Democrat and an active and influential worker in his party. He held a number of village and township offices, was a member of the school board for a number of years and was always actively interested in educational affairs. He was a member of the Congregational church; a member of the Masonic order, a Knight Templar, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Sarah E. (Williams) Fuller was born in Black River, Lorain county, Ohio, October 13, 1840, and is now the only one living of a family of five sons and three daughters. When young she came to Michigan with her parents, who settled around Benington, and lived at home until her marriage, February 19, 1860. After the death of her husband she removed to Flint, to live with her son, Guy. To Doctor and Mrs. Fuller three children were born, Nora, Guy and Louis. Nora V. Fuller was born on July 21, 1862, and died on October 4, 1870. Guy S. Fuller married Wynona Johnson of Thetford township, and has three children: Mack S., born on January 4, 1887, who died on November 20, 1881; Inez B., who married Lloyd Giger, a farmer, of Thetford township, and has one child, Roy Wilbur, and Lewis L., who married Bessie Eckalbar, of Bridgeport.

Lewis B. Fuller was educated in the Clio high school and in his early years worked about the mill and in other occupations. Later he bought a meat market and conducted the same for three years, at the end of which time he sold out and then engaged in the stock buying business for about four years, covering this section buying and shipping live stock. He then went to work for the railroad company as timekeeper, continuing in that employment for two years, at the end of which time, in 1909 he went to work for the Michigan Sugar Company, as field man, and is still engaged in that business. He was married on December 28, 1899, to L. M. Griswold, who was born in Middleport, New York, August 14, 1876, a daughter of Harvey D. and Mina (Reynolds) Griswold.

Harvey D. Griswold, father of Mrs. Fuller, was born in Middleport, New York, as was also his wife, whom he married there. They came

to Michigan and settled on a farm near Clio. They lived there until 1905 when Mr. Griswold sold the place and removed to town, where they both still live. They have three children, those besides Mrs. Fuller being Myrtle, who married Jay Green and is living on a farm in Vienna township, and Fannie, who married William Rogers, a farmer, living in Vienna township, and has two children, Arlington and Gerald. Mrs. Fuller was educated in the Clio schools. She and her husband have one adopted son, Newell, who is in school.

Mr. Fuller has eighty acres of land in Thetford township to which he gives some attention. He is also local agent for five insurance companies. He is a Republican and a member of the village board. He belongs to the Masonic order, a member of Lodge No. 205, at Clio, and of Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Flint.

ALEXANDER LOBBAN.

Alexander Lobban, one of the best-known and most progressive farmers of Davison township, this county, and the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres on rural route No. 10, out of Flint, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life, being thus one of the oldest continuous residents of this county, although, of course, there are many older persons here than he. In his youth his playmates were Indian boys and he has been a witness to and participant in the development of that part of the county in which he lives, since pioneer days. He was born in a log cabin on a pioneer farm, in the northwest part of Atlas township, this county, about two miles south of his present home, on the Irish road in Davison township, March 31, 1843, son of William and Mary (Jordan) Lobban. The former was a native of Scotland and the latter, of England; they were married after settling in this county and became prominent and influential pioneers of the Davison neighborhood.

William Lobban was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, July 20, 1812, and lived there until 1837, in which year he moved to the city of London, whence, in 1839, he came to the United States and proceeded directly to Michigan. Upon his arrival at Detroit he struck out into the wilderness, Genesee county being his objective point, and walked along a "blazed" trail to this section of the state, making inquiries of the Indians along the way regarding his direction, although unable sometimes to understand them.



Alex Lobban

William Lobban was a baker by trade and had worked at Detroit for the money with which to buy a tract of "Congress land" out here. He bought eighty acres of unbroken forest land in Davison township and rented another "forty" in Atlas township. Shortly after his arrival here he married Mary Jordan, a daughter of one of the pioneer families of this section, and established his home on the rented tract in Atlas township, where he lived in a three-story, twelve-by-twelve log house, built into a sand bank, a warm and secure structure, and there the subject of this sketch was born. Mary Jordan was born in Surrey, England, April 7, 1822, daughter of John and Ann Jordan, and came to the United States with her parents in 1837, celebrating her fifteenth birthday anniversary on the ocean. The Jordans spent one year in New York state and then came out to Michigan territory, settling first in Grand Blanc township, this county, later moving over into Atlas township, and afterward to the township of Davison, where Mr. Jordan spent the rest of his life; his wife died in England. Some years after settling in Atlas township, William Lobban moved over onto his eighty-acre tract of woodland in Davison township and proceeded to clear and develop the same, and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1874. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring on March 26, 1910.

Alexander Lobban's early childhood was spent on the home farm, where he was born, in Atlas township, he being about four years old when his parents moved over into Davison township, where he ever since has lived. The night he was born, there was born, in a wigwam within thirty rods of the Lobban cabin, an Indian boy child. This Indian boy and Alexander Lobban became playmates and remained firm friends until the death of the Indian lad in his sixteenth year. Alexander Lobban grew up on the home farm in Davison township and after his graduation from the high school at Flint, began teaching school and was thus engaged, farming during the summers, until he was twenty-nine years old. In the fall of 1871 he entered the civil engineering department of the University of Michigan. Before he could complete the course upon which he had entered his father was stricken with apoplexy and he was compelled to abandon his studies and return home to take charge of affairs on the home farm. Mr. Lobban has ever since been engaged in farming the old home place and has increased his holdings to three hundred and twenty acres, as well improved and as fine a piece of ground as there is in the whole county.

Mr. Lobban is a Democrat and in 1910 was the nominee of his party for treasurer of Genesee county. He is a wide reader, a close student of affairs, has traveled in various parts of the country and is regarded as one of

the best-informed men in his part of the county. Having been reared in the section in which he now lives and where he has lived all his life, there is no one thereabout who takes a keener interest in the general affairs of the community than does Mr. Lobban, and his energy and public spirit have been important factors in the development of that region from the primitive state upon which his boyhood gaze rested to its present well-established condition.

A forest fire swept over this country in 1856 and burned over a great area, this being the first set-back of the once great forests in this country.

JAMES SHANAHAN.

It is not difficult to determine why those who come from Canada and settle on farms in Michigan and other states always prosper. It is due to many causes, but largely to the fact that they have inherited qualities of grit, determination, industry and economy, and partly because they have been reared under laws similar to our own. One such is James Shanahan, farmer of Montrose township, this county. He was born in Huron county, Ontario, June 18, 1848, and is a son of William Shanahan, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, May 24, 1816, and who emigrated to Canada in 1838, settling in the province of Ontario, his parents, Dennis and Katherine Shanahan, remaining in the old country, where they died on their farm. William Shanahan located on government land upon settling in Canada, paying ten shillings an acre for one hundred and ten acres. He cleared it all but ten acres and farmed there until 1871, in which year he sold his property there and moved to Michigan, locating on a farm of eighty acres in Montrose township, this county, which place is now owned by his son James. There William Shanahan spent the rest of his life, dying on December 28, 1892. He was a Democrat and a Catholic. On June 3, 1844, he married Ann O'Byrne, who was born in the province of Connaught, Ireland, February 2, 1818. She came to Canada with a brother, John O'Byrne, who settled on a farm in the eastern part of the Dominion. Her parents, Peter and Abby (Flynn) O'Byrne, remained in Ireland and died there. The death of Mrs. Ann Shanahan occurred on April 16, 1892. William and Ann Shanahan were the parents of four children, namely: James, the subject of this sketch; Mary, born on September 1, 1851, who married James McPhillips, a native of Scottville, New York, who is now a lumber inspector and lives in Detroit; Thomas, December 25, 1854, now engaged

in farming in Montrose township, and Ann, April 9, 1856, who married James Green, superintendent of the Detroit branch of the firm of Lacy Brothers, of Chicago. These four children were all born in Canada, all received good educational advantages, and are all living at this writing.

James Shanahan walked three miles to attend school when a boy, following a blazed trail through the forest. He remained on the home farm in Canada, where he worked hard, until he came to Michigan in 1871, settling in Saginaw county, where he worked in the lumber woods and along the river, driving logs. He had already purchased a farm in Montrose township, this county, on which he worked during the summer months during his logging days. He continued in these lines alternately until his marriage, after which he made his home on the farm continuously. After the crop season he got out square timber during the winter months, following this occupation in various counties, continuing thus for eighteen years. He also acted as a "timber cruiser" in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Texas, being regarded as one of the best estimators or inspectors of timber in the country. In 1902 he moved to the village of Montrose and in 1906 sold his farm in section 10. He continued to reside in the village until April 3, 1912, when he purchased his present farm in section 8 of Montrose township, where he has since resided. He still owns a part of the old homestead. He is now living practically retired from active farm work. On October 1, 1878, James Shanahan was married to Elizabeth Green, who was born in Flint township, this county, February 25, 1857, a daughter of James Green, who was born in 1823, who was one of the pioneers of Flint township, this county, where he engaged in farming until his death, November 21, 1890. His wife, Ellen Mackin, was born in New York City, from which she came to Michigan when young, her parents settling at Flint, where she met and married Mr. Green. To them were born six children, Thomas, William, James, Elizabeth, Michael and Patrick. The mother of these children died in Saginaw.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shanahan six children have been born, namely: Mary, born on August 23, 1879, who married Edward Lyons and later Roy Moore, a farmer, of Saginaw county; Anna, March 23, 1881, who lives with her parents; Margaret, February 4, 1883, who married Henry Roesseau, a butcher, living in Montrose township; William, May 12, 1885, who served four years in the United States navy, in which service he contracted ill health in the Panama district and died on November 24, 1914; Edward, August 24, 1886, a soldier in the United States regular army, who has been with the troops at Manila, Philippine Islands, since 1914, and Gert-

rude, July 14, 1888, who married Bert Sevens, a contractor, of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Shanahan is a Republican and was highway commissioner for three years. In 1885 he was elected supervisor, which office he held six years, and in 1893 was re-elected to the same for one year. He was twice a candidate for sheriff, but failed in the nomination. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

FRED M. HOUGHTON.

Fred M. Houghton, head of the firm of F. M. Houghton & Company, general dealers in grain and farm produce at Clio, was born in Capac, St. Clair county, Michigan, February 6, 1880, son of Richard and Anna (Grotke) Houghton, the former of whom was born in Lincolnshire, England.

Fred M. Houghton received his education in the Clio high school and afterward worked for two years as buyer for Fred L. Mark & Company, produce dealers, at Clio. Then he worked for one season, in the same capacity, for Putnam & Mack, in the produce business in Clio, and then went to Detroit, where he worked for eight months in the grocery and meat business. In 1899 he returned to Clio and was employed by George F. Dimond, of Maysville, to conduct a branch produce store there. For five years he had a joint-account deal with the firm and carried on business in a building east of the bank, handling apples, potatoes, hay and grain. In 1905 he discontinued that employment and formed a joint-stock company, under the firm name of F. M. Houghton & Company, for the purpose of dealing in produce of all kinds, the officers and directors of the company being as follows: A. D. Eddy, president; G. L. Humphrey, vice-president; F. M. Houghton, treasurer; W. J. Biles, secretary; F. M. Houghton, manager. In 1906 this company purchased the stock of the Stockbridge Elevator Company, which had been operating there for one year. The elevator had been previously operated for a short time by Joseph Wellman, and for a short time before him by Putnam & Mauk. When F. M. Houghton & Company bought the business they moved the elevator across the railroad tracks and began operating in both buildings, which arrangement continues. In 1907 the entire plant was rebuilt and enlarged, the plant being equipped with the latest machinery and conveniences for handling field and garden seeds of all kinds, and all kinds of farm products. The new elevator has a capacity of twelve thousand bushels of grain or seeds. The business of the company

has been steadily growing. In the year 1915 they shipped five hundred and forty cars of produce to the various markets. They also do a large business in handling cement, coal, salt, fertilized, tile, posts, dairy feed, meal, cotton seed and the like.

On October 5, 1904, Fred M. Houghton and Blanche Davis were united in marriage. Mrs. Houghton was born in Thetford township, this county, September 6, 1882, a daughter of Lee and Ellen (Scott) Davis, natives of Genesee county and farmers, now retired, living at Pine Run. Mrs. Houghton was educated in the Clio high school. To Fred M. and Blanche (Davis) Houghton two children have been born, Mildred, born on September 6, 1905, and Richard, August 29, 1912.

Mr. Houghton is a Republican and has served as village trustee for six years, as township treasurer for one term and as constable for three terms. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a member of the Elks lodge at Flint, and is senior warden of the Masonic lodge at Clio.

PERRY R. DODGE.

Perry R. Dodge, a well-known and progressive young farmer of Genesee township, this county, and proprietor of a fine farm of eighty acres on rural route No. 3, out of Flint, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life with the exception of the time he spent in attendance at the Michigan Agricultural College, where he acquired a thorough schooling in modern agricultural methods, which he is now turning to excellent advantage in the practical operation of his farm. He was born on a farm in Richfield township, June 11, 1892, son of Edwin A. and Lena (Vantine) Dodge, both natives of this state, the former of whom was born on that same farm in Richfield township and the latter in Oakland county, who are now living retired at Flint.

Edwin A. Dodge was born in Ritchfield township, this county, as noted above and grew to manhood on the home farm there. He married Lena Vantine, who was born at Hadley, in Oakland county, on July 5, 1870, and to that union three children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Lorin A. and Dora. In 1894 Mr. Dodge left the old home farm in Richfield township and bought a farm in Atlas township, where he lived for ten years, at the end of which time he bought a farm of eighty acres in Burton township, where he lived

until 1913, when he bought a farm of two hundred acres in section 23 of Mt. Morris township and there made his home until 1915, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Flint, where he and his wife are now living. Mr. Dodge is a Republican and has served in school offices and as highway commissioner and enumerator of the census.

Perry R. Dodge was about two years old when his parents moved to Atlas township and his elementary education was received in the school in the neighborhood of his boyhood home there, being continued in the schools at Wolcott, in Burton township, and in the high school at Flint, after which he entered the Michigan Agricultural College and took a course of two terms of instruction in scientific farming there. He then returned home and on February 9, 1915, was united in marriage to Minnie Morrish, who was born in Burton township, this county, March 8, 1893. After his marriage Mr. Dodge established his home on the farm on which he is now living and where he and his wife are very pleasantly situated. In addition to his general farming he makes a specialty of his dairy products, selling direct to the trade, and has a fine herd of grade Holsteins. Mr. Dodge is a Republican. He and his wife take a warm interest in the general social and cultural life of their neighborhood and are helpful in all good works in that community.

JOHN L. TOPHAM.

The attitude of the general public toward the farmer of today is somewhat different to that during the century preceding the present. All now realize the fact that the advanced methods of scientific farming require more brains than brawn in order to make a success as an agriculturist and stock raiser. John L. Topham, of Flushing township, this county, has made a success as a husbandman and is now living in retirement, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of industry. He was born in Geneva, New York, August 12, 1853, and is a son of William H. Topham, who was born in 1824, in Nottingham, England, from which country he came to the United States at the age of seventeen, stopping in New York and later locating in Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1856, when he removed to Detroit, Michigan, where he did teaming for two years; then bought forty acres in Lapeer county, where he followed general farming and raised large numbers of cattle on the free range. He later added to his

original purchase until he had a farm of two hundred and forty-six acres. His death occurred in April, 1900. He married Nancy E. Long, who was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1825. She came to America when young and they were married in Pennsylvania. To their union five children were born, namely: John L., the subject of this sketch; Andrew P., born in 1855, who is now engaged in farming in Lapeer township, Lapeer county; William H., October 18, 1857, also farming in Lapeer county; Charles H., April 18, 1859, who died in April, 1887, and Johnston S., born in September, 1866, now farming in Lapeer county. The mother of these children died on April 13, 1877, and William H. Topham later married Rosanna Perkins, who died in 1904, and to this second union two children were born, Isaac, who is farming in Flint township, and Hiram, who is engaged in farming east of the city of Flint.

John L. Topham grew up on the home farm and attended the district schools and the high school, after which he engaged in teaching four years in Lapeer county, and later bought forty acres in Oregon township, that county, on which he spent two years; then rented his father's farm for one year, later worked in the lumber camps for two years; then bought forty acres in section 17 of Flushing township, this county, later adding twenty-one acres to his first purchase, and subsequently added twenty-four acres. He operated his farm of eighty-five acres until 1897, then bought eighty acres in section 8, then traded his entire tract—one hundred and sixty-five acres—for a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 5, Flushing township, which place he lived on until February 5, 1916, when he sold out to his two sons and retired from active life, partly on account of failing health.

Mr. Topham was married in 1875 to Lydia A. Beebe, a resident of Lapeer county, and to this union one child was born, Nancy A., whose birth occurred in September, 1876, who married Nelson Goodman, of Bay City, Michigan. Mr. Topham was married a second time to Frances Slaterline, who was born in Pennsylvania, January 4, 1864, a daughter of Andrew Slaterline, who was born in Germany, February 14, 1803, from which country he came to the United States in 1833, taking up a farm in Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1864, in which year he came to Michigan, locating on a farm near Flushing, this county, where he remained until his death, which occurred in November, 1885. He married Harriet Wate, who was born in England in 1820, from which country she came with her adopted parents to America when nine years of age. She was married in 1843 and died in 1873. To Mr. and Mrs. Slaterline ten children were born, six of

whom grew to maturity, namely: Barbara, born in 1844, who married Samuel Alexander, a farmer of Ohio; Mary, born in 1846, now deceased; John, born in 1848, who is farming in Flushing township, this county; Joseph, born in August, 1850, who is now a retired farmer, of Brent Creek; Jacob, born in 1857, now living at Indian river, Sheboygan county, and Frances, who married Mr. Topham, the subject of this sketch.

Three children were born to Mr. Topham's second marriage, namely: William, born on September 20, 1883, who now owns half of the homestead, which he is operating; Charles G., December 28, 1886, who is farming in Flushing township, and Lonson H., April 1, 1890, who owns a half interest in the old home place and is there engaged in general farming.

Mr. Topham is a Republican. He served as highway commissioner during 1897 and 1898 and is at present justice of the peace, which office he also filled during the years from 1904 to 1908. He also served as school director in his district for a period of sixteen years. Fraternally, he is a member of the local tent of the Knights of the Maccabees at Flushing and he and his wife attend and support the Methodist Episcopal church at Brent Creek.

F. A. CHAPIN.

F. A. Chapin, the present popular and efficient postmaster at Fenton, Genesee county, has always been deeply interested in whatever made for the general improvement of his native locality, having been content to spend his life here, believing that, for him, better opportunities existed here than anywhere else. He was born in this county, May 9, 1870, and is a son of Addison P. and Mina G. (Hamper) Chapin. The father was born in Genesee county, Michigan, and the mother was a native of England and a daughter of Richard Hamper, who followed the baker's trade in his native land, but finally came to Genesee county, Michigan, and engaged in farming at Grass Lake. Addison P. Chapin was a son of Alonzo J. and Eliza (Gale) Chapin, the latter a daughter of Henry Gale, of Washtenaw county, Michigan, having originally come from the state of New York, being born in Monroe county in 1817. He took up a homestead in Washtenaw county. Alonzo J. Chapin was also a native of New York, from which state he came to Fenton, Michigan, being one of the first pioneers, and here he spent the rest of his life. Addison P. Chapin was born in Fenton, Michigan, and received a good education in the public schools and the State University. He and his wife live



F. A. Chapin

on a farm west of the village of Fenton, where he is active in the affairs of his community. His family consists of the following children: F. A., of this sketch; J. A. is single and lives at home; H. W. is employed by the Bonner Cigar Company in Detroit.

F. A. Chapin was graduated from the high school of Fenton, then attended the State University two years. On October 20, 1907, he married Olive O. Robinson, a native of Oakland county, Michigan. Mr. Chapin was superintendent of the Etna cement plant at Fenton until he was appointed postmaster, February 7, 1914, the duties of which position he has since discharged in a manner highly satisfactory. In his earlier career he taught school in Genesee county ten years with much success. He was president of the village in 1913, was a member of the board of trustees in 1912 and 1913, and was supervisor of his township for eight years. Politically, he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Masonic order, including the chapter and commandery, and has been a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for ten years. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

GEORGE PACKARD, SR.

George Packard, Sr., deceased, was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire, January 11, 1836, and came with his parents to this county in 1841, when five years of age, and was reared and educated here. He assisted his father on the home farm just south of Flushing during his youthful years, afterward working on the same farm in partnership with his father and brothers. During the winter seasons they engaged in the lumber business, clearing the land and converting the timber into lumber. At the death of his father, Thomas Packard, the estate was divided and George took the old homestead and operated the farm for about five years. In 1880 he sold the farm and moved to Flushing village, and in 1882, organized the First National Bank of Flushing, becoming its first cashier. In 1890 the name of the bank was changed to the First State and Savings Bank of Flushing, and he continued in service with the new bank, as cashier and director until his death, which occurred on June 14, 1906, at the age of seventy years. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Packard continued to give attention to farming and real estate until his death. His political affiliation was with the Republican party. He was a Mason, a member of the blue lodge at Flushing.

On September 18, 1883, George Packard was married to Ida O'Dell, only child of Charles M. and Jane (Whitmore) O'Dell. Her father was born in Oakland, Michigan, and came to Genesee county when a young man. He worked on the farm in Mundy township with his father during his early years, and afterward engaged in farming on his account, following this occupation during the remainder of his life. In November, 1862, he was married to Jane Whitmore, daughter of Noah and Jane (Nims) Whitmore, who were natives of Jefferson county, New York. They came to Michigan, settling in Oakland county, and later in Genesee county, where Mrs. Whitmore died in young womanhood. Mr. Whitmore went to Oregon about 1852, settling in Williamette valley, where he later died. There were five children in this family: James, Margaret, Jane, Juliette and Milton.

Charles M. O'Dell, father of Mrs. Ida Packard, was a son of Moses and Betsie (Seeley) O'Dell, natives of Orange county, New York. They settled in Mundy township, this county, where they lived the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of seven children: Lydia, who became the wife of William Taylor; Charles M., father of Mrs. Packard; Harris, Myron and Sarah, who died young; Charlotte, the wife of Benjamin Pease, and Dewitt S.

Ida (O'Dell) Packard was born in Mundy township, this county, September 2, 1864. Her mother, after the death of her first husband, married Ephraim Elwell, and moved to Flushing township in February, 1868, where Ida attended the district schools and the high school. In 1880 she engaged in teaching and taught in the district schools of Flushing, Clayton and Mundy townships. On September 18, 1883, she was married to George Packard, and to this union two children were born, Marion and George, Jr. Both children were graduated from the Flushing high school and later received degrees from the State University at Ann Arbor. In July, 1914, George Packard, Jr., took a position as assistant cashier in the First State and Savings Bank at Flushing, the institution which his father had organized. In October, 1915, he was made cashier of that bank, and became a stockholder and director. He is a Mason, being a member of the blue lodge, at Flushing, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. Both Mr. Packard and his sister, with their mother, are members of the First Methodist church of Flushing.

Thomas Packard, the father of George Packard, Sr., was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire, in October, 1804. He was a son of Ichabod and Rachel (Chamberlain) Packard, natives of Brockton, Massachusetts. Ichabod Packard was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War, and

his ancestry dates back to Samuel Packard, who came to the United States in 1638, and located near Boston. The ship on which he made the voyage was the "Diligence," which followed soon after the historic "Mayflower." As a young man, Ichabod Packard moved to Lebanon, New Hampshire, where he lived to quite an old age, his death occurring in 1841. He built the first dam across the river at Lebanon, New Hampshire, and operated a saw-mill, also followed farming to some extent. He was married to Rachel Chamberlain, and to that union there were six children born: Chamberlain, Louisa, Betsy (who married Daniel Hardy), Thomas, Origin and Asahel, the last three named, of whom came to Genesee county and took up government land in Flushing township.

On July 4, 1833, Thomas Packard was married to Pamela Hartshorn, in Norridge, Vermont. His wife was born in the latter place on March 19, 1811. She lived to the age of seventy-eight years, and was widely known as a sincere Christian woman. Her death occurred in Flushing in March, 1889. The children of this union were George, Carlos, Emeline, Eliza and Caroline. After his marriage Thomas Packard came to Genesee county, in 1841, and settled first in the village of Flushing. Soon after he bought some land from L. L. Brent, and engaged in farming; later he purchased other farms and became one of the large landowners of the township. He was one of the pioneers in the lumber industry hereabout, his mill for the manufacture of lumber and shingles being located at Flushing. He also followed farming, which was his principal occupation until the time of his death, which occurred on July 4, 1875, at the age of seventy years.

BYRON S. JENNINGS.

Byron S. Jennings, president of the Clio village council, former sheriff of Genesee county, former county superintendent, and for many years supervisor of Vienna township, was born in Genesee township, this county, July 10, 1855, a son of William C. and Caroline (Johnson) Jennings, the former of whom was born near Willoughby, Ohio, and came to Michigan when a young man and took up eighty acres of government land in section 24, in Genesee township, this county. He and his father, Abner Jennings, came together and worked together on the farm for several years. William Jennings was a carpenter by trade and worked at his trade part of the time. He worked at Saginaw most of the time and had to walk

the distance of thirty miles to that place. He lived to the age of seventy-five. He was a Republican and was justice of the peace for many years. He also held the position of highway commissioner for several terms. He was a man highly respected in the community and his efforts and influence were always exerted in behalf of things that were commendable and right.

Caroline (Johnson) Jennings was born in New York state and came West with her parents, who settled on forty acres of land in Thetford township, this county. Later her father took up and owned the section of land on which the town of Clio is now located. There he made his home until his death, which occurred at the age of about seventy years. His name was John Wesley Johnson, but among his intimate associates he was called "One-Thumb Johnson," because he had lost a thumb in a Fourth of July accident. William C. Jennings and Caroline Johnson were married in Genesee county and seven children were born to that union: Byron S., the subject of this sketch; Clara, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Kurtz; William Wesley, who is now living in Flint; Emma, who married Seward Thompson and is living in Flint; Alberta, deceased, who was the wife of Ira Dixon; Albert N., now living on the old homestead, and one child who died in infancy.

Byron S. Jennings was educated in the township schools of Genesee township, and in the Flint grades and high school, which was at that time located in the old city hall. After completing his studies in the high school he engaged in teaching school and taught for twelve years, teaching in the Miller school, at Richfield; in the Diamond school, on the Irish road; in the Kirsley school, near Flint; in the Pine Run school, six years; in the Diamond school, in Vienna township, and in the county line school.

On December 25, 1881, Byron S. Jennings was married to Clara E. Young, daughter of James and Sarah (Stewart) Young, natives of Pennsylvania, who moved to Vassar, in Tuscola county, this state, where Mr. Young served as postmaster for a number of years. After moving to Pine Run Mr. Young opened a grocery store and was again appointed postmaster, and kept the postoffice in his store. He and his wife were the parents of two children, William and Mrs. Jennings, the latter of whom was educated in the district schools of Genesee county and was graduated from the Flint high school. She taught in the country schools for two years and then went to Flint and taught in the school for the blind. When that school was moved to Lansing she went there and was engaged in teaching in the school for one year. Then she returned home and soon after was married to Mr. Jennings. To this union three children have been born,

Mabel V., who died at the age of twelve years; Lillian, who married Charles W. Obee, of Adrian, Michigan, a professor in the college there, and Harley, who was graduated from the college at Adrian and is now farming.

Byron S. Jennings is a Republican and in 1888 was honored by his party by being elected to the office of sheriff of the county, for a two-year term. After serving his term of office he bought one hundred and ten acres of land in section 23, one mile east of Clio, and engaged in farming until 1908, when he retired and moved to town. Since then he bought thirty-five acres adjacent to the town of Clio, and platted the same in city lots, the greater part of which he has sold at a good price. He rents his farm. Mr. Jennings has been supervisor of Vienna township for fourteen years. He was school superintendent of Genesee county for four years and was then made school inspector, an office that supplanted the office of county superintendent. He is president of the village council, and has been a member of the council since moving to town. He was school treasurer of Clio for a few years. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church, has served as treasurer of the congregation for many years, and is conference trustee and treasurer of the board. He is a teacher in the Sunday school and has had one class for more than twenty years. In all matters pertaining to the church and in all its activities, Mr. Jennings is a leading spirit. He is not only active and influential in church affairs but he is also interested in civic affairs, and his influence is always exerted in behalf of any cause that has for its object the uplift of humanity and the making of a better citizenship. Mr. Jennings' fraternal affiliation is with the Masonic order.

PATRICK J. GREEN.

A worthy scion of an honored old family of Genesee county is Patrick J. Green, farmer of Montrose township. He has been content to spend his life in his native locality, fully appreciating home opportunities. He was born in Genesee township, this county, November 9, 1863, a son of James and Ellen (Mackin) Green. The father was born in Ireland in 1826, from which country he came to Michigan when about eighteen years old, locating near Flint, among the pioneers; buying there a farm which is now a part of the city of Flint. He operated that place until 1865, then moved to Vienna township, buying a farm on which he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1892. He engaged in lumbering during the winter

months for many years. His wife, Ellen Mackin, was born in New York City and when young in years came to Michigan with her parents, Patrick Mackin and wife, the family locating in Flint about 1848, settling on a farm that finally was owned by the subject of this sketch, and there Mr. and Mrs. Mackin spent the rest of their lives. Six children were born to James Green and wife, namely: Thomas, who is farming in Vienna township; William, who is farming in Saginaw county; James, who now lives in Detroit and is employed as a timber estimator for a Chicago firm; Elizabeth, who married James Shanahan, a farmer of Montrose township; Michael, who is farming in Vienna township, and Patrick, the subject of this sketch.

Patrick J. Green grew up on the home farm and was educated in the Montrose public schools. He remained on the farm with his parents during their lifetime, his mother dying on May 8, 1908. He then bought one hundred and forty acres in section 4, and there he has since resided. In connection with general farming he is specializing in raising blooded live stock—Hereford cattle, Chester White hogs, Shropshire sheep and a fine grade of horses. During the fifteen years that he has lived there he has made many important improvements on his farm, which is one of the best in that locality.

On April 28, 1898, Patrick J. Green was married to Elizabeth Berry, who was born in 1861 in Montrose township, this county, where she grew to womanhood and was educated in the common schools. She is a sister of Duncan Berry, a sketch of whom, which contains a history of the Berry family, will be found elsewhere in this volume. Politically, Mr. Green is a Democrat. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Montrose, and is a member of the Catholic church.

JOHN H. WOOD.

The twentieth-century farmer can no longer follow the methods of his grandfather, who worked the virgin soil when land, climate—in fact, most everything—was different. One must not only “be up and doing, and learn to labor and to wait,” as the poet admonished, but one must be a close student of literature bearing on agricultural themes and also a keen observer and a logical thinker. One of the successful farmers of Flushing township, Genesee county, is John H. Wood, who was born on the farm he now occupies, October 20, 1846, a son of James Wood, who

was born on December 22, 1810, in Wetton, England, where he grew up and became a mechanic. He immigrated to the United States in 1842 and located in this county, where he purchased forty acres in Flushing township, which place is now owned by the subject of this sketch. It was government land and heavily timbered, but he cleared it and made a good farm of it. It was in what was called the English settlement, as a number of his countrymen had previously located in that locality, including the families of John Reed and James Bailey, who came with about ten English families that settled there. They had all lived in towns in the old country, none of them knowing anything about farming, but they set to work with determination, and after a struggle, succeeding in establishing comfortable homes. James Wood spent fifty-four years on his farm and died there, May 20, 1896. He was a son of John Wood, who was born in England in 1770. John Wood came with his son, James, to America, and died here in 1854. His wife, Elizabeth, had died in England. They were parents of eight children, two of whom, Samuel and James, came to the United States.

James Wood grew up in England, where he married Sarah Burgess, who was born in Adlington, England, September 19, 1815, and was a daughter of Henry and Mary Burgess, both of whom spent their lives in England. They were parents of eleven children, all of whom remained in England but Sarah. They were a family of farmers. The death of Mrs. Sarah Wood occurred on March 28, 1892.

To James and Sarah (Burgess) Wood, seven children were born, namely: Mary, who died on July 4, 1842, at the age of seven years; Ann, born on July 14, 1839, who married Chester Felton, a veteran of the Civil War and at one time a resident of the English settlement here, who died on February 8, 1913; Jane, September 7, 1841, who married Edward Judd, a farmer of Shiawassee county, whose death occurred on August 14, 1913; Ellen S., August 26, 1844, who married Edwin A. Bailey, a son of the original settler in the English settlement, Mr. Bailey dying on March 31, 1913, his widow now living in Flushing; John H., the subject of this sketch; Carrie E., December 4, 1848, who married the Rev. Alexander Fair, a Methodist minister, of Shiawassee county, who died in December, 1912, and Charles E., May 27, 1852, now a retired farmer and real-estate dealer, of Flint.

John H. Wood grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools, after which he taught five terms in the Flushing and Montrose districts, then resumed farming, buying forty acres in section 8,

Flushing township, to which he added sixty acres, in Montrose township. He has made a success as a general farmer.

On January 24, 1872, John H. Wood married Georgiana Wickham, who was born on January 29, 1855, a daughter of Gabriel and Mary Jane (Arnout) Wickham. The father was born on September 11, 1815, lived in the English settlement here, and died on September 10, 1883. The mother was born on March 3, 1821, and died on September 15, 1904. To John H. Wood and wife three children were born, namely: Edith M., born on June 4, 1873; Arnott B., July 26, 1880, now farming on his father's place, who married Rosella E. Christler, September 19, 1906, and has one son, John Wyman, born on November 28, 1912, and Imogene S., January 11, 1883, who married Frank Emerick, an auditor, now in the employ of the United States Radiator Company of Detroit.

Mr. Wood is a Republican and served as justice of the peace in his township for seven years; also was highway commissioner for one term. He is in favor of prohibition and is at all times ready to lend his support to any measure looking toward the betterment of his community in any way.

WILLIAM VINCENT.

William Vincent, one of the best-known and most substantial retired farmers of Gaines township, now living at Swartz Creek, former highway commissioner, former justice of the peace, former treasurer of his home township and for years actively identified with the work of developing the best interests of that part of the county, is a native of the dominion of Canada, but has been a resident of Michigan since the days of his youth. He was born in Canada, February 10, 1843, son of Richard and Sarah (Appleman) Vincent, who came to this section of Michigan in 1858 and here spent the remainder of their lives.

Richard Vincent was born in Vermont, as was his wife. After their marriage they moved to the state of New York and later moved over into Canada, where they lived until 1858, when they came to Michigan and established their home in the western part of Genesee county, where they spent the rest of their lives, earnest and useful pioneer citizens. They were the parents of nine children, of whom two are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Joseph Vincent, a farmer at Middlebury, this state.

William Vincent was fourteen years old when he came to Michigan with



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM VINCENT.

his parents in 1858 and he has ever since been a resident of this county. He completed his schooling in the district schools in the neighborhood of his new home and from boyhood was an able assistant to his father in the work of clearing and developing the old home farm. When twenty-two years old, after his marriage, he began farming for himself, starting in a small way on a woodland farm, which he cleared and brought under cultivation. As he prospered in his farming operations he added to his original holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres in Gaines township, four miles south of Swartz Creek, which he still owns and where he made his home until the time of his retirement from the active labors of the farm and removed to Swartz Creek, where he and his wife are now very pleasantly and comfortably situated. Mr. Vincent is a Republican and for years has taken an active part in local political affairs, having served his township as highway commissioner, as justice of the peace and as treasurer.

Mr. Vincent has been twice married. His first wife, who was Lucretia Palmer, died in 1908, leaving six children, namely: John, who is a farmer and owner of one hundred acres in Gaines township; Elgin, also a Gaines township farmer, owner of eighty acres; Sarah, wife of Thomas Ballard; Fred, the owner of a farm of sixty acres in Gaines township; Elizabeth, wife of Dudley Shaw, owner of a farm of forty acres in Gaines township, and Verona, wife of Edwin Hillbrough. On December 24, 1911, William Vincent married, secondly, Gertrude Whittemore, who was born in Iosco county, this state, July 16, 1874; who was educated in the high school at Detroit, became a clerk in the store of E. O. Pierce & Sons at Flint and later became a professional nurse and was thus engaged at the time of her marriage to Mr. Vincent. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and both are members of the Grange and the Order of Gleaners, in the affairs of which they take a warm interest. Mr. Vincent is also a member of the local tent of the Knights of the Maccabees, of which he is the present commander.

MRS. JANE CHISHOLM.

Mrs. Jane Chisholm, widow of John D. Chisholm, was born in Vienna township, this county, on August 26, 1844, daughter of Christopher and Mary (Knowles) Hughes, natives of Ireland, the former of whom, born on April 2, 1806, came to the United States with his wife and two children in

1831. The little family settled on a farm about six miles from Rochester, New York, and remained there for five years. In his native country, Mr. Hughes had learned the shoemaker's trade, but on coming to America he discontinued that work. In 1836 the family came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Vienna township, this county, where they remained until 1853, in which year they moved to Genesee township, where Christopher Hughes spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on February 25, 1898.

The Vienna township farm of Christopher Hughes was located between what is now the towns of Clio and Mt. Morris. The market for his produce was at the city of Detroit, some seventy miles away. His only means of transportation was an ox team, so he hired the only team of horses in the community. These he got at Flint, and in payment for the same he gave a bushel of oats for each bushel of potatoes delivered. The Hughes farm in Genesee township consisted, at first, of one hundred and sixty acres. This was increased, before the death of Christopher Hughes to four hundred and sixty acres. Mr. Hughes was a great traveler and in his time saw much of the western country. He was a public-spirited man and did much for the advancement of the community, always ready and willing to assist in any enterprise of value. He built many miles of Michigan roads and did much toward getting railroads in the territory.

On June 2, 1827, Christopher Hughes was united in marriage to Mary Knowles, who was born in Ireland in 1803, and who died on March 16, 1881. To that union were born nine children, Elizabeth, Stephen, Matthew, Thomas, Michael, Mary, William, John and Jane. Elizabeth Hughes was born in Ireland and is now living on the old homestead. Stephen Hughes was born in Ireland in 1831 and died in Flint in 1902. Matthew Hughes was born in the state of New York in 1833 and became a lumberman in New Orleans. He died some years ago. Thomas Hughes was born in the state of New York in 1835, and died in 1878 in California, where he was engaged in the cattle business. Michael Hughes was born in the state of New York in 1837 and is now living in Mt. Morris, this county. Mary Hughes was born in the state of New York in 1839 and died in North Dakota on February 23, 1913. William Hughes was born in Vienna township, this county, in 1841 and is now living in Corunna. John Hughes was born in Vienna township in 1843 and is a resident of Mt. Morris. Jane, widow of John D. Chisholm and the subject of this sketch, is living on her farm in Vienna township. In 1860 Mrs. Chisholm taught school at Mt. Morris, in the old Barber school which name the school still carries.

John D. Chisholm, deceased husband of Mrs. Jane Chisholm, was born

in Canada on April 3, 1841. He was educated in the public schools there and there grew to manhood. In 1866 he came to Michigan and settled in East Saginaw, later becoming manager of a lumber company at Saginaw, which position he held until he became a passenger conductor on the Pierre Marquette railroad. He remained with that road for eight years and then accepted a similar position with the Grand Trunk Railway, which latter position he held until the time of his death on April 9, 1880.

To John D. and Jane (Hughes) Chisholm were born four children, John D., Charles C., Marie and Agnes. John D. Chisholm was born in East Saginaw on July 2, 1873, where he received his education and grew to manhood. He was with the Pierre Marquette railroad for fifteen years, and is now with the Maryland & Western, as trainmaster. Charles E. Chisholm was born on June 14, 1875, and is engaged in farming his mother's place and in the buying of timber. He makes his home with his mother. Marie Chisholm, born on October 19, 1877, is the wife of Peter Carton, an auctioneer and real-estate man, of Flint. Agnes H. Chisholm was born on November 12, 1879, and is the wife of P. J. Conley, an insurance agent, of Marquette.

HIRAM WESLEY BUMP.

Hiram Wesley Bump, a well-known farmer living on the outskirts of the village of Flushing, is a native son of Genesee county, born in Clayton township, August 21, 1868, son of Henry and Delecta (Richardson) Bump, who are now living in Flushing. Henry Bump came to Michigan as a lad and was reared by Henry Pearson on the latter's farm in Clayton township. He married Delecta Richardson, who was born at Hazleton, this state, and after his marriage settled on a farm in Clayton township, where he made his home until his retirement from the active labors of the farm, when he moved to Flushing, where he has since made his home. He is a Democrat and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To him and his wife were born six children, two of whom died young, the others, besides the subject of this sketch, being Theresa, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Florence A., who married Charles Luce, of Flushing, and William Nelson.

Hiram Wesley Bump was educated in the Flushing high school. He bought a forty-five acre farm adjacent to the village and engaged in farming. Later he added to his acreage and has continued farming operations,

doing general farming and also giving considerable attention to stock raising. Mr. Bump is independent in politics. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and has served as an official in the local congregation. He was married on November 19, 1890, to Effie Mae Bliss, who was born in Montrose township, this county, June 16, 1871, a daughter of George Truman and Lucinda Hannah (Johnson) Bliss. George Truman Bliss was born in Ohio, April 1, 1847, and came with his parents to Michigan when quite young, the family settling in Montrose township, this county. Maurice Majeau Bliss, his father, was also born in Ohio and came to Michigan soon after his marriage. Soon after coming to this state the Civil War came on and he enlisted in Company C, Seventh Michigan Cavalry, of which he was quartermaster-sergeant. He was wounded in battle and from the effects of his wound he never fully recovered. After returning from the army Maurice M. Bliss again took up his farming interests in Montrose township and continued to be actively engaged in farm work for a number of years and then retired. He died in 1908 at the age of eighty-two years. He was a Democrat in politics and held a number of local offices. He was a Mason. His wife, Lucy (Hollister) Bliss, was born in Woodford, Bennington county, Vermont, September 29, 1830. When she was quite young her parents settled in Ohio, where she had her home until she was married. She was the mother of four children: George Truman; Inez, who married Frank M. Confer, a farmer; Helen, who died at the age of sixteen, and Mahlon Majeau, a farmer, living in Montrose township. The mother is still living at the age of eighty-six years.

George T. Bliss was married on November 19, 1867, and seven years later opened a barber shop at Flushing, where he is still engaged in business. His wife, Lucinda Hannah (Johnson), was born in Flushing, February 6, 1848, a daughter of Asahel and Rachael (Smith) Johnson. Her father was born in Hamilton, Madison county, New York, and was married there on November 15, 1827. He came to Michigan and settled two and one-half miles north of Flushing, where he continued to live until his death, July 18, 1886. After his death his widow moved to Flushing and made that place her home until her death, March 20, 1890. They were the parents of ten children: Mrs. Electa Lake, born on August 29, 1828, now deceased; Mrs. Amanda Crapo, now deceased, born on December 1, 1829; Mary, born March 5, 1831, who married Benjamin Griswold, and is now deceased; Amos, born on March 29, 1835, deceased; Charlotte, born on October 12, 1837, who married Edward Roberts, and is now deceased; Helen, born on June 8, 1841, who married James Cunningham, and is now deceased; Julia, born on

November 8, 1843, who married Decatur Paine, and is now deceased; Alonzo, born on April 8, 1846; Lucinda, born on November 6, 1848, who married G. T. Bliss, and died in Flushing, March 14, 1914, aged sixty-six years, and Russell B., born on February 15, 1851, now deceased. All these brothers and sisters, save two, are buried in Flushing cemetery.

Lucinda Johnson was reared and educated in Flushing township, attending the district schools of the township, and taught school for about three years before her marriage to George T. Bliss. To that union two children were born, Mrs. Minnie Helen Bendle, now living in Los Angeles, California, and Effie Mae, who married Mr. Bump, the subject of this sketch. She was educated in the Flushing high school and was engaged in teaching school in that township until her marriage on November 19, 1890, to Mr. Bump. To this union one child has been born, a son, Demorest, who was born on August 12, 1892. He was educated in the Flushing high school and then took a course in mechanical engineering. He is now employed in the Buick Auto Company's plant, at Flint, as a mechanic. He was married on May 3, 1910, to Ethel Marie Buchanan, who was born on December 3, 1892, in Flushing, where she was reared and educated.

The first church in Flushing was built on a lot owned by Asahel Johnson, and the first religious service held in the town was on the present site of the home of the subject of this sketch.

JACOB VOLZ.

One of the most painstaking and enterprising farmers of Montrose township, this county, is Jacob Volz, who hails from Germany, and he has evidently inherited many of the sterling characteristics of his Teutonic ancestors. He was born in Wittenberg, September 10, 1857, and is a son of Christian and Thordy (Walz) Volz, both natives of Germany, the former born in the year 1824 and the latter in 1828. They grew up and were married there and continued to reside in the Fatherland until the spring of 1868, when they sailed for America, arriving in Saginaw, Michigan, on May 10th of that year. The father followed the trade of weaver in Germany, but turned his attention to farming upon coming to this state, owning a farm in Saginaw county on which he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring in 1908, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife had preceded him to the grave in 1904, at the age of seventy-seven.

Their family consisted of six children, namely: Christ, who lives in Saginaw county; Jacob, the subject of this sketch; John, who lives in Saginaw county; Katherine, the wife of John Reinke, and two deceased.

Jacob Volz was nine years old when his parents brought him to Michigan. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Saginaw county and there received a public-school education. He worked in the lumber woods, driving a team, for four or five winters. After his marriage he bought forty acres in Saginaw county, later thirty acres more, making a good farm of seventy acres, which he operated until 1910, when he sold out and bought two hundred acres in Montrose township, this county, and has resided on this latter place ever since. He has made many improvements on the place and has recently built a modern residence, also a new barn. He is successfully carrying on general farming and stock raising, specializing in Holstein cattle, Duroc-Jersey hogs and Shropshire sheep.

On March 30, 1889, Jacob Volz was married to Jennie Reider, who was born in Saginaw county, Michigan, in October, 1863, and to this union eight children have been born, namely: John, who is teaching school in Saginaw City; Jacob, Jr., Arthur, Walter, Hulda, Marie, Gertrude and one who died young.

Mr. Volz is a Republican and while living in Saginaw county he served as justice of the peace very ably and acceptably for a period of fifteen years; also as township assessor for twelve years, as township treasurer for four years, and as moderator of his school district for three years. He belongs to the Lutheran church.

DUNCAN BERRY.

Duncan Berry, a well-known farmer of Montrose township, was born in Scotland, November 22, 1853, a son of John and Margaret (McKinzie) Berry, both natives of Scotland, the former born on April 24, 1826, and the latter, December 25, 1826. They were parents of seven children, namely: Joseph, a mechanic by trade, who died on May 15, 1914, near Montrose village; Duncan, the subject of this sketch; Mary, born in 1859, who married H. F. Axtell; Ellen, born on July 3, 1862, who married Edward Creyts, now living near Lansing; Elizabeth, August 19, 1865, who married Patrick Green, now living in Montrose township; Margaret, October 3, 1871, wife of John Flynn, of Montrose, and Norman, who died when nineteen years of age.

John Berry came to the United States with his family in 1854, and settled in Flint, where he lived one year, then spent one year at the home of John McKinzie. In 1856 he purchased one hundred and forty acres on the river, at the edge of the village of Montrose. It was wild land, to which not even a road led. He set to work with a will, cleared and improved the land, erecting buildings and planting crops. He prospered with advancing years and became one of the leading farmers of the township. He spent the rest of his life there, dying in 1900, at the age of seventy-four years. Politically, he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Presbyterian church. His widow is still living with her son Duncan, now in her ninetieth year.

Duncan Berry was about six months of age when his parents brought him to Michigan. He grew up on the home farm where he worked hard as a boy, as did all sons of pioneers. He received a limited education, attending the early-day schools two or three months each year during his boyhood, being nine years old before he was even inside a school house. He worked on the home place, often driving oxen for a team, until 1887. When about seventeen years of age he went to work in the lumber woods, where he worked during the winters for about ten years, continuing farm work in the summer time during that period. About 1883 he and his brother, Joseph, bought forty acres adjoining the old homestead, and in 1888 purchased another forty acres. About ten years later they bought fifty-two acres on the river south of the old home, later bought eight and one-half acres, and in 1910 ten acres. Duncan Berry now owns one hundred and eighty acres, about one hundred of which is under cultivation, the rest being used for pasture. Mr. Berry is very successfully engaged in general farming, making a specialty of raising Hereford and Holstein cattle for dairy purposes. He and his brother Joseph always worked together, or, more properly, were always partners. Duncan Berry looked after the farm, while his brother worked in the lumber woods. Mr. Berry also raises Duroc-Jersey and Poland China hogs, and Shropshire sheep and also keeps bees. He built his first barn in 1870, another in 1886 and a third one in 1909. He has an attractive dwelling, which overlooks the river, and owns a good automobile of standard make. Mr. Berry is a Democrat, and a member of the Presbyterian church. He has remained unmarried.

Joseph Berry was born in Scotland, August 27, 1851, and was three years old when his parents brought him to Genesee county. Here he grew up, helped his father develop the home place at Montrose and there spent the rest of his life. He was a natural mechanic, skilled as a carpenter, mason

and blacksmith. For many years he spent from eight to ten months in the lumber woods, spending the rest of the time building houses. It was his custom to buy a lot, build a house thereon and sell the property, and in this way he always made a good profit. He was very industrious, and it was often said of him that he could do as much in one day as two men. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he belonged to the Presbyterian church, the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was never married. As stated above, his death occurred in the spring of 1914.

ANDREW HYSLOP GILLIES.

The name of Andrew Hyslop Gillies, one of the venerable and honored citizens of Flint, needs no introduction by the biographer to the people of Genesee county, where he has long been a potent factor in industrial, civic and moral affairs. He was born at what was known as the Five Points in the city of New York, November 2, 1833, and is a son of William and Ann (Weeks) Gillies, natives of Scotland and New York, respectively. His birth occurred on June 14, 1798, and her birth occurred on October 28, 1808. They were married on November 16, 1825, and their children were named as follow: Robert Bruce, born October 10, 1826; Mary Elizabeth, born April 22, 1828; William Wallace, born August 3, 1829; Margaret J., born March 20, 1832; Andrew Hyslop, of this sketch; Henrietta, born December 29, 1835; Helen M., born February 27, 1837; Martin Vanburen, born November 30, 1838. The father of these children came to America when a young man with two of his cousins, Andrew Hyslop and John Lowrey. They located in New York City, where Mr. Gillies followed his trade of carpentering, and there he was married and most of his children were born there. He finally removed with his family to Ohio, locating near Port Clinton in 1834, and there kept a general store, his death occurring there on April 6, 1838, at the early age of thirty-nine years and ten months. His wife also died young, in June, 1844, when only thirty-three years of age. After the death of their parents, Andrew H. Gillies and his sister, Margaret J., went to live with their uncle, Andrew Hyslop. The daughter lived with the uncle until she was married and Andrew H. lived with him until his twenty-seventh year, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, in Company A, Eighth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, under Col. William M. Fenton, and served gallantly four years. He went out as a private, but for meritorious



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conduct was promoted to sergeant and on up to the rank of first lieutenant. He never sought promotion. He was never under civil or military guard, but always had the confidence and good will of his superior officers and the love of his men. He was struck by bullets and shells six different times, the last time by a bullet which passed through his right foot, which caused him to spend eight months in the hospital. He was in many important battles. Soon after he enlisted he was sent into South Carolina with the first expedition, and was afterwards in the Army of the Potomac, in Virginia and in the Maryland campaigns. After receiving an honorable discharge he returned home. When a small boy, in 1839, he and his sister, Margaret, and their uncle, Andrew, came to Genesee county, going by boat from Port Clinton, Ohio, to Detroit, and from there by wagon, after stopping one week in Detroit. They came to Pontiac the first day and from there to Flint the next day, stopping over night at John Todd's tavern, then crossed Thread creek and went down Flint river, it being necessary for James Cronk to cut away the brush and make a road for them up the bank. They settled five miles down the river, in Flint township, where the uncle had previously purchased one hundred and sixty acres, which lay along the river, the uncle erecting his house half a mile from the river. John Greenfield, a Scotchman, with whom they had stopped while in Detroit, owned a piece of land adjoining this, and they lived in the Greenfield house while erecting their own dwelling. After moving onto the Hyslop farm, Andrew H. Gillies made that his home until he went to the front with the army. He had owned a farm of forty acres before the war, which he sold after coming back home. He then bought a lumber yard, planing-mill, sash, door and blind factory in Flint, which he operated until 1896, and then, on account of the feeble physical condition of Mrs. Gillies following a stroke of apoplexy, he turned over to other parties his factory and spent the next five years in attendance, day and night, on Mrs. Gillies, or until her death. He has since merely looked after his various property interests. He sold his old home in Smith street and purchased his present dwelling in Clifford street, which he remodeled.

Mr. Gillies was married on February 22, 1864, to Marcia Persons, a daughter of Marvin B. and Sophia Ann (Harmon) Persons. To this union four children were born, namely: Marvin P., Anna Louise, Luella and an infant that died unnamed. Marvin P. Gillies lives in Detroit, is married and in business. Anna Louise Gillies is an accomplished musician and has a state-wide reputation as a vocalist and harpist. The beginning of her concert career was as soprano with the Heberlein Concert Company, composed

of Herr Herman Heberlein, 'cellist; Katherine Ruth Heyman, pianiste, and herself, which toured the United States and Canada. During her musical career of many years she has held prominent positions as soloist in churches, being soloist of the First Presbyterian church of Flint for a period of eleven years consecutively. Following this position she became soloist in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Flint. Miss Gillies has always stood for the highest form of art in music and, through her management, many celebrated musicians, both in this country and from abroad, have been brought to Flint for public appearances.

Luella Gillies is deceased. She was the wife of Clinton Roberts, one of the prominent attorneys of Flint. They had three sons, Russell Clinton Roberts, David Gillies Roberts and Francis Lloyd Roberts.

Mrs. Marcia P. Gillies died, January 24, 1902, at the age of fifty-seven years, after an illness of over five years. She and her husband were for several years identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, but later with the Presbyterian church. Mr. Gillies was a trustee in both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. He belongs to Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons, having been made a Mason in 1864. He is also a member of Governor Crapo Post No. 145, Grand Army of the Republic. He was brought up a Democrat, but is now an independent Republican.

Mrs. Gillies was born on her father's farm in Flint township. Her parents, Marvin B. Persons and Sophia Louise Harmon, were pioneers in Genesee county and died at their home here. They had six children, namely: David, James H., Marcia, Betsey, Labre M., and Sophia Persons Moon, of Galvéston, Texas.

HON. HAL H. PROSSER.

Hon. Hal H. Prosser, of Flushing, this county, former representative in the Michigan State Legislature from Genesee county, now supreme commander of the Order of the Loyal Guard, with headquarters at No. 507 Harrison street, Flint, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Lansing on March 13, 1870, son of Edwin A. and Esther Ann (Ellsworth) Prosser, natives of the state of New York, both now deceased, who were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, George Prosser, of Detroit, and Frank Prosser, of Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Edwin A. Prosser was the eldest of the five children born to his parents,

Amos Prosser and wife, the others being Sophia, Adeline, Sarah and Samuel. His wife was the fourth in order of birth of the five children born to her parents, the others being James, William, Phoebe and Calista Ellsworth. The grandparents on both sides were also natives of New York and all spent their last days in that state. Edwin A. Prosser was given excellent educational advantages in his youth and became a lawyer by profession. Shortly after his marriage he came to this state and located at Lansing, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession for years, afterward moving to South Lyons, in Oakland county, where he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, he being seventy-four years of age at the time of his death and she seventy-two.

Hal H. Prosser was about ten years old when his parents moved from Lansing to South Lyons and he grew to manhood at the latter place. Following his graduation from the high school at South Lyons, he entered the department of pharmacy, University of Michigan, from which he was graduated and became a registered pharmacist, a calling which he followed for ten years or more. In 1893 he moved to Flushing, this county, where he engaged in the drug business and where he ever since has made his home. He also was engaged in the produce business in that town for several years with the firm of J. E. Ottaway & Company. In 1904 he was elected representative from the first district of Genesee county to the Legislature and was re-elected in 1906, thus serving two terms in the lower house of the General Assembly. Upon the organization of the Order of the Loyal Guard, Mr. Prosser became actively interested in that organization and was made a state deputy of the same. He presently was raised to membership in the board of auditors of the order and later became supreme recorder, serving in that capacity until his elevation in 1916 to the position of supreme commander of the Loyal Guard, to which office he is giving his most thoughtful attention. Mr. Prosser is a Republican and long has been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this county.

On January 6, 1897, Hal H. Prosser was united in marriage to Winifred I. Ottaway, who was born in Clayton township, this county, December 20, 1872, daughter of James E. and Eliza A. (Ryno) Ottaway, both now deceased, who were the parents of three children, Mrs. Prosser having two brothers, Fred R. Ottaway, of Clayton township, and Claude V. Ottaway, of Flint. Mrs. Prosser is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In addition to his connection with the Loyal Guard, Mr. Prosser is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Detroit, and is a noble of Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic

Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in the same city. His local connection with Masonry is through Flushing Lodge No. 223, Free and Accepted Masons; Flushing Chapter No. 116, Royal Arch Masons, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar.

OLE PETERSON.

Ole Peterson, retail dealer at Clio, was born near Bergen, Norway, October 22, 1848, a son of Peter and Martha (Olsen) Peterson, both natives of Norway; the father born in 1805, the mother in 1815. Peter Peterson was a farmer in Norway all his life, was a large landowner, having probably five hundred acres or more. He died in 1885 at the age of eighty years and his widow died in 1905, at the age of ninety years. They were the parents of six children: Sirene, a farmer in Vienna township, this county; Ole, the subject of this sketch; John, Nils, Minis and Anna (deceased).

Ole Peterson was educated in Bergen, Norway, in the common schools of that place. He worked on his father's farm until he was fourteen years of age then went to Bergen and worked at odd jobs for awhile. Then he found employment in a meat market and worked at that business there until he was twenty-three years of age, when he came to the United States. He left Bergen, July, 1872, in a fishing smack, and landed in Grimsby, England, in August of the same year. He remained there for three days and then went to Hull, England. There he found a sailing ship bound for Quebec, on which he secured passage and sailed in September, 1872. He was forty-four days on the ocean, finally reaching his destination, from which he went by train to Montreal, Canada; thence to Port Hope, Canada; thence across the lake to Cleveland, Ohio; thence to Windsor, Canada; thence to Detroit, and thence to Saginaw, Michigan, where he found employment with D. D. Buddick in a meat market. He remained in that employment for two years, at the end of which time he opened a meat market for himself. He continued business there for about fifteen years and did a large and successful business. In 1888 he sold his business in Saginaw and moved to Clio, where he opened a shop, which he has since continued to operate. Mr. Peterson has a neat, well-appointed meat market and has a large patronage. In 1895 he bought eighty acres of land in section 21 of Vienna township. It was mostly wild land, but Mr. Peterson has cleared it up, fenced and improved it, and now has a fine farm, giving attention, mostly, to the culti-

vation of small grain and to stock raising. His slaughter house is on his farm and there he prepares the animals for his market.

On October 2, 1883, Ole Peterson was married to Anna Crone, who was born in Detroit, in 1853, a daughter of Joseph and Sophia Crone, natives of Germany. Coming to America they first settled in Detroit and later removed to Saginaw, Michigan, where they made their home for the rest of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have one child, Myrtle M., who was educated in the Clio high school, and is now employed in the money-order department of the Flint postoffice.

Mr. Peterson is a Republican and has served in a number of village offices at various times and was a member of the village council for two terms. He is one of Clio's upright, honorable citizens and is always ready to aid and encourage any movement that has for its object the betterment and uplift of the community of which he is a resident.

JAMES B. WHITEHEAD.

It must be borne in mind that it is often quite as important to do a thing at the right time as it is to do it at all. One of the successful general farmers and fruit growers of Genesee county is James O. Whitehead, of Flushing township, who not only seems to know how to carry on the various departments of modern agriculture and horticulture, but when to do a thing and when not to do it. He was born in Huron county, Michigan, June 11, 1874, and is a son of David Whitehead, who was born in Canada, in 1846, where he grew up and was educated, remaining there until the spring of 1874 when he came to Michigan and settled in Huron county. He was a member of the first life-saving crew at Sand Beach station and helped launch the first boat from that point. He remained in the service there three years, then located on a farm near there, in Huron county, on which he spent about three years; then lived at various places, including Marquette, Flushing, Sheboygan county, and then to Canada and is now making his home in Saskatchewan, and is doing well, although his earlier career was one of hardship and failure. He married Elizabeth Brown, who was born near Hamilton, Ontario, February 5, 1844. Her father was of English descent, and had served in the British army. There was German blood on the mother's side of the house. Eleven children were born to David Whitehead and wife, namely: Katherine, born on July 31, 1868, who married Lewis

Smith, of Corunna, Michigan; William T., born in 1870, who is now farming in Flint township; Moses, born in 1872, now living in Flushing township; James B., the subject of this sketch; Joseph, who died young; Sarah, who also died in early life; Anna, who married Abraham Dire, of Corunna; John, who is engaged in farming near Byron; David, who is in the employ of the gas company at Flint; Peter E., who is living in the province of Saskatchewan with his father, and one who died in infancy, unnamed.

James B. Whitehead received his education in the public schools, then spent a number of years working out on farms in different parts of Michigan; also worked at the carpenter's trade and on the railroad, with the section gang, for three and one-half years. He finally sold the property he owned in the village of Flushing and on March 15, 1911, bought forty acres in section 16 of Flushing township, where he has since resided. In connection with general farming he specializes in raising blooded hogs, and in the raising of berries and small fruits.

Mr. Whitehead married Emma Hoard, who was born in Michigan, a daughter of George Richmond and Katherine Hoard, who spent nearly their entire lives in this state, both being long since deceased. Politically, Mr. Whitehead is a Republican and, fraternally, a member of the Knights of the Maccabees at Flushing, having been a member of that lodge for the past twenty-two years. He also is a member of the Modern Woodmen and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both at Flushing. He has held minor offices in all these lodges, and is lieutenant commander of the first-named.

FRED JUDSON.

A large number of natives of Genesee county have remained here. They have been wise in doing so, for excellent advantages of all kinds are to be found in this locality, ranking well with the most thriving sections of this or any other state. Fred Judson, a produce dealer of Linden, is one of this number, having been content to remain at home.

He was born in Genesee county, September 13, 1869, and is a son of David and Marion (Fletcher) Judson, and a grandson of Ephraim Fletcher, who was born in New York state, from which he came to Genesee county, Michigan, in an early day, locating in Gaines township, taking up government land, which he developed into a good farm and here spent the rest of his life. Grandfather George Judson and his wife, who was a Miller prior

to her marriage, were natives of Elmira, New York, where they spent their earlier lives. They finally removed to Genesee county, Michigan, locating near Long Lake, filing on a homestead, which they developed and here owned nearly a section of valuable land, on which they spent the rest of their lives. David Judson, father of the subject, was born in Mundy township, Genesee county, March 29, 1834, was educated in the public schools here, devoted his active life to general farming, and here his death occurred in 1894. His widow is living in Linden. He was a Democrat, and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To these parents four children were born, namely: George lives in Gaines, Michigan; Ephraim was next in order of birth; Fred, of this review; Jennie married Albert Hitchler, of Detroit, and her death occurred in 1897.

Fred Judson received his education in the Linden public and high schools and the Michigan Agricultural College. While a student there he belonged to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Returning to Linden, he taught school in this vicinity for some time, then went into the produce business with two brothers, operating large establishments at Linden, Gaines and Durand. He and his brother George devote their attention to the Gaines and Linden branches, which were started in 1902. He has been very successful in this line of endeavor. He is also actively interested in agricultural pursuits, owning an excellent farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Argentine township, where he keeps Percheron horses, feeding stock and over one thousand head of sheep each winter. All modern improvements are to be seen on the place, including two silos, and everything indicates thrift and good management. He has done much to encourage a better grade of live stock in Genesee county. He also owns valuable property in Linden.

Mr. Judson was married on April 22, 1891, to Melissa Whitney, who was born in Gaines township, Genesee county, in 1873. She is a daughter of Roswell B. and Bethany (Case) Whitney. The father was a native of New York state. He removed with his family to Oakland county, Michigan, where he spent one year, then located in Gaines township, Genesee county, among the early settlers. Daniel Whitney, his father, was a native of New York state and a pioneer settler in Oakland county, Michigan. To the subject and wife two children have been born, namely: Nellie Judson, born August 18, 1892, was educated in music at Albion College, and married in June, 1915, to Rev. Isaac Corn, a minister in the Methodist church, who was graduated from the scientific course in Franklin College, in 1912, and is now (1916) a student at Iliff Seminary, Denver, Colorado; his wife is

also studying music there and is organist for one of the churches there. Edna Judson, the second of the subject's children, was born on June 11, 1900, and died on December 3, 1912.

Mrs. Judson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Ladies' Aid Society and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, being active in the work of the latter. Politically, Mr. Judson is a Democrat. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge at Linden, of which he is a past master. He and his wife are well educated, broad-minded, progressive and influential in the affairs of the community, being highly esteemed by all who know them.

ARTHUR M. FREEMAN.

Arthur M. Freeman, one of the prominent younger farmers of Flushing township, was born in Summit county, Ohio, on December 30, 1872, the son of Milton R. and Ruth (Oviatt) Freeman.

Milton R. Freeman was born in Medina county, Ohio, in 1835. In 1880 he came to this county, having, six years before, purchased the farm of three hundred and ten acres in sections 29 and 30 of Flushing township, where his son now lives. At the time Mr. Freeman purchased the tract, there were but forty acres cleared. After coming to Genesee county, Mr. Freeman lived in Flushing and assisted the son in clearing and improving the tract. Before his death in February, 1900, Mr. Freeman had a highly-cultivated and well-improved farm, on which he and his son were engaged in general farming, specializing in horses, sheep and Shorthorn cattle, many of the cattle taking prizes at the county fairs.

In 1861 Milton R. Freeman was united in marriage to Ruth Oviatt, who was born in Ohio in 1841 and who died in 1914. To that union were born the following children: Mrs. M. B. Halliwill, of Flushing; Mrs. H. H. Mack, now deceased; Mary E., deceased; Mrs. J. J. Benjamin and Arthur M. Freeman.

Arthur M. Freeman was educated in the schools of Flushing, completing the second year of high school. He later completed a business course at Ypsilanti, after which he returned to his father's farm, where he remained for nine years, at the end of which time he purchased a farm of one hundred and ninety-two acres in section 31 of Flushing township and lived there for eleven years, or until the death of his father, when he bought the home farm of the heirs, and has since made that place his home. He

now owns more than five hundred acres of land, one of the largest and best-equipped farms in the township. He is engaged in general farming and at the same time devotes much time and attention to his thoroughbred horses, cattle, hogs and sheep. At present he has thirty head of horses and sixty head of cattle. He has on the farm a fine maple grove of more than fifteen hundred trees, from which he makes many gallons of syrup and many pounds of sugar.

On March 23, 1892, Arthur M. Freeman married Anna B. Rush, who was born in Germany on August 31, 1870, and who came with her parents to the United States in 1872. The family settled near Farmington, Oakland county, Michigan, where the father engaged in farming until his death in 1883. The mother died when Anna was seven years old. Mrs. Freeman was one of two children born to her parents. Her brother Harry is a farmer in Farmington township, Oakland county.

Arthur M. Freeman and wife are the parents of the following children: Milton R., born on March 10, 1893; Roy G., May 20, 1900; Ruth, July 1, 1904; Mary, August 31, 1911, and Clara, August 29, 1913. Politically, Arthur M. Freeman is an independent and looks to the man rather than to the party. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and their daughter, Ruth, are members of the Flushing Baptist church and take much interest in church work.

DAVID M. AVERILL.

David M. Averill, vice-president and general manager of the Dort Motor Car Company, of Flint, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here the greater part of his life. He was born on a farm near the village of Otisville, in Forest township, May 6, 1879, son of Thomas W. and Margaret J. (Perry) Averill, the former a native of the state of Vermont and the latter, of the dominion of Canada, whose last days were spent in the city of Saginaw, this state.

Thomas W. Averill was born at Barre, Vermont, youngest of the children born to his parents, the others having been Loretta, David M. and Samuel and Sophrona (twins). The father of these children died in Vermont in the early sixties and the mother later came to Michigan with her children, settling in Genesee county, but presently returned to Vermont, where she spent the rest of her life, living to a good old age. Thomas W.

Averill was but a boy when he came to Genesee county and he grew to manhood on a farm in the vicinity of Otisville, in Forest township. He displayed exceptional proficiency in his studies and early began teaching in the district schools of his home township, but after awhile became employed as an accountant for a big lumber company and went north in that capacity, making his home at Harrison, Michigan, where he remained in business for several years, or until his appointment as chief accountant in the office of the auditor-general at Lansing, under the administration of Governor Winans, during which period of public service he made his home at the state capital. He then went to Coleman, as accountant and manager of a concern engaged in the cedar telegraph and telegraph pole business, and after some years there was transferred to Saginaw, in the same employ. In that city he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in January, 1899, he then being forty-eight years of age. His widow survived him some years. Thomas W. Averill was prominent in church work and in the civic life of the several communities in which he lived. He was an excellent musician and an expert choir leader. During his residence in Clare county he served for two or three terms as county treasurer and had also held other offices of public trust and responsibility in the various communities in which he had made his residence. In his political faith he was a Democrat and, fraternally, was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Knights of the Maccabees. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, namely: Myrtle L., who married George Nollar, now living at Great Falls, Montana; Elizabeth L., wife of W. H. Buck, of Flint; Frank B., of Chatham, Ontario; David M., the subject of this biographical sketch; Roy W., of Flint, and two who died in youth.

David M. Averill was about two years old when his parents moved to Harrison and there he received his early schooling, later attending school at Lansing and at Coleman, graduating from the grammar school in the latter city, and was graduated from the high school at Flint in June, 1898, having been president of his class in both his junior and senior years in that school. Upon leaving the high school, he went to work for the Durant-Dort Carriage Company and has ever since been connected with that concern or affiliated companies, having risen steadily from the ranks to his present responsible position as vice-president of the company. He began his service with that company in the shipping department of the factory, presently being given the general management of the factory. Upon the reorganization of the company and the creation of the Dort Motor Car Company, Mr. Averill was elected vice-president of the latter company, with general executive

powers, and has since then been the general manager of that concern, in active charge. Mr. Averill is a Democrat and, fraternally, is a Mason, a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and of the Independent Order of Foresters. He has been granted all the degrees of Masonry, being a member of Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; Flint Council, Royal and Select Masters; Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, and Bay City Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a noble of Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Saginaw.

On September 24, 1902, David M. Averill was united in marriage to Mabel L. Frise, who was born in Canada, daughter of Jabez B. and Susanna Frise, both natives of the Dominion, who were the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. Averill was the second in order of birth, the others being William, Eva and Pearl, all of whom, with the exception of the latter, are living. Jabez B. Frise, now deceased, was engaged in the music business and was prominently connected with fraternal circles, having held high offices in the Independent Order of Foresters. Mrs. Averill is a member of the Church of Christ (Scientist).

WILLIAM EDWARD BEACRAFT.

William Edward Beacraft, manager of factory No. 11 of the Buick Motor Company at Flint, is a native of the dominion of Canada, born at Port Dover, in the county of Norfolk, Ontario, August 23, 1865, son of David and Martha (Smith) Beacraft, both natives of Canada, the latter of whom is still living at her old home in Port Dover.

David Beacraft was the eldest of the three children born to his parents, the others having been John and Margaret, and he was trained to the trade of blacksmith, which he followed during the active years of his life. He died at the age of sixty-nine years and his widow still survives him. She is a daughter of James H. and Isabella (Cline) Smith, farmers, both of whom were born in Norfolk county, Ontario, and who were the parents of eleven children, Margaret, Martha, Peter, James, Joseph, Reuben, George, Isabella, Mareda, Christina and William.

Upon completing the course in the public schools at Port Dover, William E. Beacraft went into the woolen mills there and learned carding and spinning, remaining in the factories there for about five years. At the end

of that time he went to Galt and was there connected with the safe and lock works of Goldie & McCullough for nine years, after which he went to Brantford, Ontario, and was there for six years engaged in tool making. He then, in 1901, located at Detroit and was there engaged in motor building for two years, or until December, 1903, when upon the inception of the great Buick industry, he transferred his services to that company and helped install the original plant of the Buick Motor Company at Flint, which ever since has been his home. Mr. Beacraft installed the vises on the first benches set up in that now great plant and was given charge of the assembling department of the works. Ever since locating in Flint he has been connected with the Buick works and since 1912 has been manager of factory No. 11 of the great plant, having about two thousand men under his immediate charge. Mr. Beacraft is a musician and for nearly thirty years has given much attention to band work. He also for years has been actively identified with the work of the Salvation Army, and not long after locating at Flint organized the celebrated Salvation Army band, now and for years regarded as the best Salvation Army band in the United States, and brought it to a point of excellence which gave to the organization an international reputation. Mr. Beacraft also takes considerable interest in fraternal organization work. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, associated with Flint Lodge, Washington Chapter and Genesee Valley Commandery, and is also a member of the Equitable Fraternal Union, the Ancient Order of Foresters of Canada and of the Order of Chosen Friends.

On December 25, 1884, at Galt, Ontario, Canada, William E. Beacraft was united in marriage to Minnie Sharp, who was born in Brantford, County Brant, Ontario, daughter of Theodore and Hanna (Masses) Sharp, who were the parents of four children, Minnie, Frank, May and Nelson. Theodore Sharp was a veteran of the Civil War, serving three years at the front. To Mr. and Mrs. Beacraft four children have been born, Orton Chester, Grace, William and Arthur, the two last-named dying in infancy. Orton Chester, now engaged in the real-estate business at Flint, married Cora Gorbett and has two children, Donald Chester and Gorbett Ross. Orton learned the trade of a toolmaker and for twelve years was engaged in automobile work, his last service before entering the real estate business being as general superintendent of the McKay Motor Car Company, at Amherst, Nova Scotia. Grace Beacraft, after completing her education in the public school and Flint-Bliss Business College, learned the trade of dressmaker and ladies' tailor, at which she was engaged for four years. In 1909, feeling called to devote her life to Christian service, she entered the Salva-

tion Army Training College at New York City and since that time has been actively engaged as an officer in Salvation Army work. Mr. and Mrs. Beacraft are members of the Salvation Army, in the affairs of which they long have taken a deep and intelligent interest, Mr. Beacraft occupying one of the chief executive positions in the local corps of the army at Flint. The Beacrafts have a very pleasant home at No. 1629 Glenwood avenue.

FRED D. LELAND.

Fred D. Leland, one of the well-known residents of Genesee county, was born on January 2, 1872, in Groveland Center, Oakland county, this state, being the son of Otis C. and Mary E. (Powell) Leland.

Otis C. Leland was born at Greenoak, Livingston county, this state, on February 12, 1840. He received his education in the district schools in the neighborhood of his home, and there he lived until he had reached manhood. He then moved to Oakland county, where he managed his uncle's farm for many years. He later bought a farm in Richfield county where he lived for a number of years, before he purchased the farm in Groveland Center, Oakland county, where the children grew to manhood and womanhood. He then moved to a farm in Flushing township, and later to the village of Flushing, where he lived for a few years before he moved to the farm where his death occurred on February 5, 1916.

On July 3, 1863, Otis Leland was married, at Groveland Center, to Mary E. Powell, who was born there on July 3, 1844, and who is now living in Flushing township. To this union five children were born, those besides the subject of this sketch being Emma, wife of Frank Moyer, of Flushing township; Eva, wife of William Lewis, of Flushing, and two who died in infancy.

Fred D. Leland was educated in the schools of Oakland county and in Flushing township and upon completing his schooling remained at home. He was married on July 31, 1901, to Mae E. Simpson, who was born on June 27, 1878, in the village of Flushing, daughter of DeRoy and Mary M. (Johnson) Simpson. She received her education in the Flushing schools and taught in different schools in the county.

DeRoy and Mary M. Simpson were born in the state of New York, he on March 25, 1848, and she, at Ithaca, on September 21, 1850. They were married at Flushing on March 18, 1876, and that village has been their

home ever since. Mr. Simpson has been sexton of the Flushing cemetery for thirty-six years. He is also an apiarist of note and has an apiary of over one hundred stands. He and Mrs. Simpson are members of the Baptist church and take much interest in church work. Fraternally, Mr. Simpson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a past noble grand. He is also a Mason. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist and active in the affairs of that party. To DeRoy and Mary Simpson have been born the following children: Guy C., of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mae E., wife of Fred D. Leland; Ola B., wife of George Cuthbertson, of Flint; Nye A., of Flint; Ida P., wife of Willard Donelson, of Flint, and Eva A., wife of Fay H. Benjamin, of Flushing.

Fred D. Leland is living on his farm in section 23 of Flushing township, which he purchased in 1893, and where he is successfully engaged in truck farming and in the raising of berries. He has an automobile for pleasure and to deliver his produce. Politically, Mr. Leland is a Republican. He is past commander of the Maccabees lodge and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

To Fred D. and Mae E. (Simpson) Leland have been born two children, Ralph Raymond, born on February 26, 1911, and Marion Lucile, October 29, 1915.

GEORGE C. KELLAR.

George C. Kellar, president of the Flint city council, alderman from the fourth ward and prominently connected with the real-estate interests of that city and a member of the firm of George C. Kellar & Brother, Union Trust and Savings Bank building, is a native of West Virginia, born at Sistersville, that state, July 31, 1879. He is a son of Francis M. and Julia (Glendenning) Kellar, both natives of that same state and the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch, who is the eldest, being Pearl, deceased; Francis M., Jr., who is associated with his elder brother in the real-estate business at Flint; Ulysses, of Bartletttsville, Oklahoma; Howard, of Wheeling, West Virginia, and Mary, who is at home with her parents at Hundred, West Virginia.

The senior Francis M. Kellar was born and reared on a farm in Marion county, Virginia, now a part of West Virginia, and was trained for the law. His parents, James and Anne (Taggart) Kellar, both natives of Virginia, were well-to-do farming people in the Farmington neighborhood. James

Kellar was a soldier in the Civil War and sided with the Union cause during the division which led to the creation of the state of West Virginia. He and his wife were the parents of five children, Francis M., Neal C., Ulysses S., Emma and Benjamin. The mother of these children died in 1906, being then past sixty years of age. Francis M. Kellar married Julia Glendenning, daughter of George W. and Mary (Lauck) Glendenning, farmers of that same neighborhood, the former of whom also served as a Union soldier during the Civil War. George W. Glendenning died when well along in years and his widow is still living. They were the parents of four children, Julia, James, George and William. Francis M. Kellar for years has made his home at Hundred, West Virginia, where he maintains his law office, his practice chiefly being confined to legal work connected with oil and gas interests. He is a Democrat and is a former member of the West Virginia Legislature.

George C. Kellar was reared in the village of Hundred, in his native county of Wetzel, in the northwestern corner of the state of West Virginia, and upon completing the course in the public schools there, entered West Virginia Wesleyan College, from which he was graduated in 1905. In the meantime he had taught school for four years and during a part of his time in college assisted in Latin and English. He spent 1905 and 1906 in Harvard University, specializing in English, and then engaged in the real-estate business in Ohio. In 1908 Mr. Kellar came to Michigan and located at Flint, where, in partnership with his brother, Francis M. Kellar, Jr., he opened a real-estate office and has ever since been actively engaged in that business, under the firm name of George C. Kellar & Brother. Mr. Kellar is a Republican and ever since locating at Flint has taken an active interest in local political affairs. He is alderman from the fourth ward and for the past two years has been president of the city council.

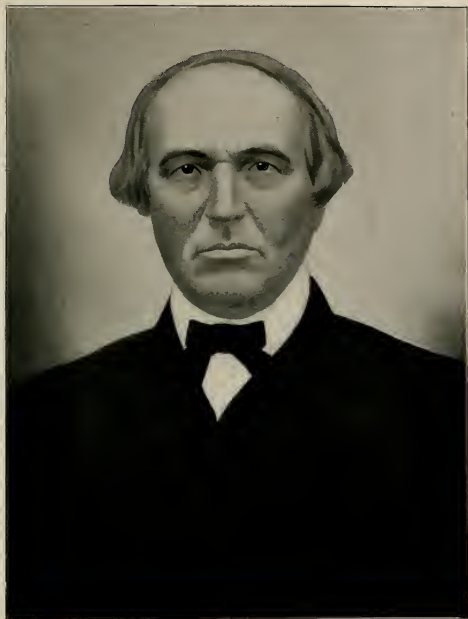
On November 17, 1909, George C. Kellar was united in marriage to Elinor Ritzinger, of St. Paul, Minnesota, who was born at Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2, 1881, daughter of August W. and Martha Elizabeth (Ramsay) Ritzinger, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Indianapolis, both of whom are now deceased. August W. Ritzinger was born at Woerstadt, near Maintz, in the province of Hesse, and came with his parents to America in 1853, the family locating at Indianapolis, where he grew to manhood. He was the youngest child of his parents, Frederick and Marianne (Kamp) Ritzinger, both natives of Hesse and the former of whom was quite a scholar, he having been one of the electors who wrote the new constitution of Hesse. Frederick Ritzinger engaged in the insurance business at Indianapolis and was quite successful. He died at the age of sixty

years and his widow, who survived him some years, was past seventy at the time of her death. They were the parents of four children, Baptiste, Marie, Francis and August W. The latter married Martha Elizabeth Ramsay, daughter of John and Leah (McKeown) Ramsay, natives of Ohio, the former of whom, born at Lebanon, that state, was for more than fifty years a resident of Indianapolis, where he was engaged in the furniture business. John Ramsay died more than thirty years ago, at the age of seventy, and his widow survived him some years, she having been eighty-nine years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of four children, John, Ellen, Elizabeth and Robert. August W. Ritzinger became engaged in the banking business at Indianapolis, later moving to St. Paul, where he for years was engaged in the wholesale trade. His wife died there in 1908, at the age of fifty-five years, and he later moved to Vancouver, where he died in 1912, at the age of sixty-four. He was reared a Presbyterian and his wife a Methodist, but he attended the latter church with his wife. To them four children were born, John, Marianne K., wife of Nicholas Bruning; Eleanor, who married Mr. Kellar, and Frederick.

To George C. and Elinor (Ritzinger) Kellar two daughters have been born, Elizabeth Ramsey and Marianne Ritzinger. Mr. and Mrs. Kellar are members of St. Paul's Episcopal church and take an earnest interest in the affairs of that parish as well as in the general social and cultural activities of their home city. Mr. Kellar is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Bay City, and is a noble of Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Saginaw. His other connection with the Masonic order is through Franklin Lodge No. 7, Free and Accepted Masons, at Buckhannon, West Virginia, and Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, in Flint.

JOHN WILLIAM HURD.

John William Hurd was born in Vienna township, Genesee county, Michigan, April 8, 1858. He was married, January 1, 1884, to Rosa Jane Robinson, who was born at Millport, New York, November 15, 1863. Mr. Hurd was educated in the public schools of Clio and Flint and afterward attended the Janesville Business College, at Janesville, Wisconsin, from which institution he graduated, having completed a full business course and also telegraphy. He then took a position in the office of the Western Union



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Telegraph Company, in Chicago. After one year in this service, he resigned to take a position as telegraph operator with the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad Company, now the Great Northern Railway Company. In November, 1885, he returned to Clio, on a vacation visit, bringing his wife and child with him, expecting to return to the west again the following April. But fate willed it otherwise. During that winter he got to trading and speculating, with the result that he became possessed of a mercantile business and it became necessary for him to settle down and take care of it. He has been taking care of this business for the past thirty years and has also been taking care of the Clio express business for the past twenty-four years, in connection with his mercantile business.

John W. Hurd is the son of Nelson and Sarah Hurd. Nelson Hurd was born in Pike, Genesee county, New York, February 20, 1818. He married Sarah Maria Harrison, in Tuscola, Tuscola county, Michigan, February 8, 1844. He died at his home in Vienna township, Genesee county, Michigan, May 9, 1880, and was buried at Pine Run, Michigan. His wife was born in Oswego county, New York, August 29, 1819, and died at her home in Vienna township, Genesee county, Michigan, December 21, 1901, and was buried beside her husband in Pine Run.

Nelson Hurd was a sturdy example of the healthy stock to which he belonged. At the age of eighteen he and his father, Russell G. Hurd, journeyed from Pike, Genesee county, New York, across Canada with an ox team, arriving at their destination in Michigan the last of February, 1837. Being the eldest of the four boys in the family, Nelson was particularly relied upon by his father as chief assistant in meeting the many hardships incident to pioneer life in the wild and woolly wilderness, where wolves, bears and Indians were the nearest neighbors. His father annexed a large tract of land on Pine Run creek, Genesee county, on what was afterwards known as Vienna township. He also erected the first grist-mill and saw-mill in the state, north of Pontiac. By virtue of a mail contract, secured from the government by his father, Nelson had the distinction of carrying the first mail that ever went out of Saginaw. The mail was carried on an Indian pony, following the trail through the woods from Flint to Saginaw, a distance of thirty-two miles. With the aid of his younger brother, Hiram, the mail carrying enterprise, with an occasional passenger or two, was conducted with ponies. The round trip was made once a week, fording Cass creek twice each trip, swimming the creek during the high water period. The incidents of these trips afforded much excitement for the boys, as well as a good deal

of privations and hardships. Finally the government cut a road through the forest and built bridges across the streams, and a stage coach took the place of the pony mail carriers.

Nelson Hurd became the possessor of two quarter sections of wild land in Vienna township, which he converted into fine farms. He was an honest, hard-working man and a successful farmer. In politics, he was a staunch Republican. On February 18, 1844, he married Sarah M. Harrison, named after her mother and who was the eldest child in the family of Dennis and Sarah M. Harrison. She was born August 29, 1819, in Lewiston, Niagara county, New York. In that place she was reared and educated, attending the academy of that place and afterwards engaged in teaching. She had the advantage of Christian parents and received at their hands a most exemplary training, which was of much value to her throughout her entire life. She embraced the Christian faith at an early period in her life and this faith was exemplified at all times by a true and worthy life, giving evidence to all with whom she came in contact that she had a true Christian character of much refinement and integrity. At about the age of eighteen she came with her parents to Michigan, settling in Tuscola county in early pioneer times. A few years after coming to this place she was united in marriage with Nelson Hurd, a pioneer resident from Genesee county, New York, and with her husband she moved to what is now the old homestead, experiencing all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, raising to maturity a family of seven children. William H., one of her four brothers, is still living at Tuscola.

The paternal great-grandfather of the subject was Robert Lain Hurd. He was a captain in the Revolutionary War and a member of the New Hampshire Legislature for several years. He came to Michigan about 1850 and died shortly before the Civil War, at the age of ninety-three years. He was a man above the average in intellectual ability and with a character above reproach. The maternal great-grandfather of the subject was William Bendin, who was also a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He entered the service at the beginning of the war and remained in defense of the colonies until its close.

To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hurd two children were born: Mercen C. Hurd, born May 9, 1885, and Thurston R. Hurd, born August 24, 1892. Both sons are practicing osteopathic physicians, Mercen C. being located in Houghton, Michigan, and Thurston R. in Ishpeming, Michigan.

Mr. Hurd is a member of the Masonic order and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has served as village councilman and as president of that body. His church affiliation is with the Congregational church.

In all his business, fraternal and church relations, Mr. Hurd bears the reputation of a man of strict integrity, a man of strong influence always exerted in behalf of the cause that is right, a character that is without reproach in the community in which he has so long been a prominent citizen. A man's character as a citizen and business man is tested by the consensus of opinion of the people of the community in which he lives. Measured by this test, John W. Hurd measures up to the highest standard.

MARK BREWER RANSOM.

Mark Brewer Ransom, one of the prominent and successful young farmers of Genesee county, was born on February 25, 1879, the son of Robert and Roda A. (French) Ransom.

Robert Ransom was born on July 24, 1848, in Flushing township. He was educated in the schools of that township and lived on his father's farm until he was married, December 24, 1867, to Roda French, after which he purchased a farm three miles northwest of Flushing, and it was there that the son, Mark, was born. The family lived there until 1886, when the farm was sold and Mr. Ransom purchased another farm in section 36, two miles south of Flushing. There Robert Ransom lived until 1910, when he moved to the town of Flushing, where he now resides. Roda (French) Ransom was born in Flushing township on June 6, 1846, daughter of Henry French and wife, further information regarding whom will be found on another page of this volume. Mrs. Ransom died on November 12, 1912. To her and Robert Ransom were born four children, Randolph H., Elva, the wife of William Lewis, of Flint; Susie, who died on March 12, 1902, and Mark B., the subject of this sketch.

Mark B. Ransom was educated in the schools of Flushing township and grew to manhood on the farm of his father, where he lived until his marriage, October 30, 1901, to Bertha Chapman, who was born on September 11, 1878, in Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Charles and Agnes (James) Chapman, natives of Canada, both born in Ontario, the former in 1839, and the latter, April 2, 1847. They were married in their native country and there they lived until 1886, when they came to Michigan, settling in Genesee township, this county, where they still reside. They are the parents of the following children: Albert, Isaac, Agnes, Bertha, Charles (deceased), Martha, wife of Charles Andrews, of Flint; Oliver, and one child who died in infancy.

Bertha Chapman received her education in the schools of Genesee township and lived at home until she was married to Mr. Ransom. To this union one child has been born, a daughter, Mildred, born on September 16, 1902, who is now attending the high school at Flushing.

After his marriage, Mark Ransom rented the farm of his father and remained there for six years. He then lived on a farm two miles east of Flint for four years, after which he rented two hundred and sixty acres in Burton township, one mile south of Flint, where he remained for one year and then, after one year, he returned to the old home, where he has eighty-four acres of well-improved land, and where he now lives, engaged in general farming and the raising of stock. He has a large herd of Holstein dairy cattle and many hogs.

The Ransoms are members of the Baptist church and take much interest in church work. Mr. and Mrs. Ransom have an adopted son, Robert Dogger Ransom, now seventeen years of age. Mr. Ransom is a Republican and takes much interest in local civic affairs, his influence ever being for the good and all that tends to the advancement of the community in which he lives and the township in general.

GUY V. DICKINSON.

The successful farmer of this day and age must look well to the financial side of his business, the same as if he were a merchant or manufacturer. He must be a good bookkeeper as well as a good plowman. Such a farmer is Guy D. Dickinson, of Richfield township, Genesee county, and consequently he is making a very comfortable living and setting a good example.

Mr. Dickinson was born on the farm he now owns, May 12, 1880, and is a son of E. D. and Jennie (Frise) Dickinson. The father was also born on this farm, the paternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch being among the early settlers in Richfield township, developing the homestead from the wilderness, and here their son, E. D., followed farming many years, but he and his wife now live in the city of Flint. They have five children, namely: Guy D., of this sketch; Eva, who was graduated from the district schools, is the wife of Alton Wagner, of Richfield township; Hattie, who was graduated from the Davison high school, is the wife of Roy Shoemaker, of Flint; Grace, also a graduate of the Davison high school and of Michigan Agricultural College, is the wife of Oscar G. Ander-

son, of Atlas; Roy R., a graduate of the Davison high school, married Zola Cullen, a graduate of Albion College.

Guy D. Dickinson was reared on the home farm and received his education in the district schools of Richfield township until he was about seventeen years old, then went to farming and remained at home. He is now owner of the homestead, which consists of three hundred and eighteen acres, three and one-half miles from Davison, known as "Maple Dale Farm," in section 29, Richfield township. He has kept the place well improved and well cultivated and carries on general farming and stock raising successfully.

Mr. Dickinson was married, in 1901, to Mabel K. Sines, a native of Genesee township, this county, where she grew up and was educated. She is a daughter of William and Abbie Sines. To this union three children have been born, namely: Harold, Hilton and Velma.

Politically, Mr. Dickinson is a Republican. He belongs to Enterprise Grange No. 809.

Reverting to Mr. Dickinson's ancestral history, it is worthy of note that his paternal grandfather, David Dickinson, who died in January, 1914, at the age of ninety-two years, was a resident of Genesee county for seventy-six years. He was a native of Greene county, New York, the son of Zebulon and Esther Dickinson. He was a veteran of the Civil War. He it was who cleared from a forest the farm now owned by the subject of this sketch. He plowed the first furrow for the wagon road down Gilhey hill on the Richfield road and lived to see street cars in operation on that same road.

GEORGE W. ARMS.

George W. Arms, well-known business man of Gaines and formerly postmaster at that place, was born in Fenton, this county, on December 29, 1865, and is a son of Willard B. and Eliza A. (Whitney) Arms. Luther D. Whitney, the maternal grandfather, was one of the earliest pioneer ministers of the Methodist church in this section of the state. He settled in Lapeer county, Michigan, in a very early day and made his appointments on horseback, being a circuit rider. After preaching in that county for a number of years, he took up the study of medicine and practiced this profession for many years in Lapeer county, finally locating in Whigville, Genesee county, where he continued practicing medicine until his death. His daughter, Eliza A. Whitney, was born at Hadley, Michigan, where she

grew up, attended school and became well educated; she taught school there for some time, finally coming to Fenton, Genesee county, to teach, and here met and married Mr. Arms.

Willard B. Arms, father of George W. Arms, was born in Oakland county Michigan, in 1827, and his death occurred in 1878. He was reared on a farm and when but a boy he began his career as a merchant at White Lake, also establishing a store at Milford, both in Oakland county. He built up a good business at both places and, taking an active interest in public affairs, the Republicans nominated him for the office of state senator, to which he was duly elected, holding the office from 1855 to 1858, inclusive, from the fifth and sixth senatorial districts, also from the twenty-third while living at Fenton in 1867. He removed with his family from Fenton to Marquette in 1873, and finally moved to Chicago, where Senator Arms died in 1878. As a public official, he discharged his duties in a manner that reflected much credit upon his ability and to the eminent satisfaction of his constituents. After his death the family returned to Fenton, where his widow lived until 1891, when she moved to Olivet to reside, being married in that year to Myron A. Hance. On account of ill health, they removed to Fenton in 1914 to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Charles M. Topping, where she died on August 22, 1916.

To Willard B. and Eliza A. Arms six children were born, namely: Nettie E. is the wife of Charles M. Topping, of Fenton; George W., of this sketch; Willard B., Jr., died in 1911; Freddie, Sheridan and Faith died in infancy. The father of these children had been previously married, and two children were born of that union, Daniel, who lives in Missoula, Montana, and William, now deceased, who lived in Marquette, Michigan.

George W. Arms was educated in the Fenton schools. In 1882, when seventeen years of age, he began clerking in a drug store in Fenton for the firm of Cook Brothers, later clerking for Dunlap & Hovey, continuing as clerk for a period of eight or nine years. He then came to Gaines and purchased the drug stock of N. P. Leland, and he has continued in the same location to the present time, enjoying a large business and carrying a well-selected stock of drugs and drug sundries. He also carries a stock of groceries.

Mr. Arms was married in July, 1888, to Jennie E. Stoner, of Fenton, whose death occurred on April 15, 1898, leaving two children, namely; Mae S., who is now the wife of Jacob G. Judson, was graduated from the Gaines high school, also the Fenton high school, and then spent two years in Olivet College; Evelyn E., wife of Harry A. Brewer, a Methodist minister, now

residing at Prescott, Michigan, was also graduated from the Gaines and Fenton public and high schools, then took a two years course in music at Olivet College.

The second marriage of Mr. Arms was to Mrs. Ida C. (Andrews) Jones, a daughter of Adam F. Andrews, a pioneer of Fenton. After receiving her education she taught for five years in the district schools in the vicinity of Fenton, later for five years in the intermediate department of the Gaines public school. To Mr. Arms and his second wife three children have been born, namely: one son died in infancy, unnamed; Esther E., and Aroline C. are both attending school in Gaines.

Politically, Mr. Arms is a Republican and has long been more or less active in public affairs. He has served two terms as village president and was a member of the council for a number of years, also a member of the school board many years and has been president of the board for fourteen years. Fraternally, he belongs to Byron Lodge No. 80, Free and Accepted Masons; Durand Chapter No. 139, Royal Arch Masons; Fenton Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar. In 1897, during McKinley's first administration, he was appointed postmaster at Gaines and he held the position continuously until 1915, a period of eighteen years, during which he discharged his duties in an able and faithful manner, to the satisfaction of the people and the department.

O. EUGENE SOPER.

O. Eugene Soper, a prominent dairyman and farmer of Genesee county, was born in Mt. Morris township on September 12, 1871, being the son of Orrin and Julia (Burch) Soper.

Orrin Soper was born in Orleans county, New York, in 1826. It was there that he was educated and grew to manhood. When thirty years of age and after he was married, he came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Mt. Morris township, this county, where he lived until 1897; when he sold the farm and made his home with his son, Eugene, until his death on August 1, 1908. At the time he settled on the farm, on which is now located the rifle range, the tract was one vast wilderness, only two acres having been cleared. For a number of years his life was that of most pioneers, hard work and few comforts. The farm had to be cleared and buildings erected, most of which labor he performed himself. There were no roads and these had to be cut and made passable. His wife, Julia (Burch)

Soper, was a native of the state of New York, where she was born on April 22, 1830. It was there that she was educated, grew to womanhood and was married. She came to Genesee county in early married life and here endured the privations of the pioneer with her husband and family. She and Orrin Soper were the parents of five children: Dwight, who died in May, 1915; Anna, deceased, who was the wife of W. E. Wollfitt; O. Eugene and two who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1895, two years before the death of her husband. O. Eugene Soper was educated in the Beecher school, in the Wolverine Business College, and was graduated from the Flint Normal School. After completing his school work Mr. Soper returned to the home farm, where he remained until his marriage in 1892, in which year he bought forty acres of land in section 23, Mt. Morris township. It was on September 21, 1892, that Eugene Soper was united in marriage to Jennie P. Luce, daughter of Calvin Luce and wife, further information regarding which family is presented elsewhere in this volume, and to this union have been born five children, Preston (deceased), Roscoe, Florence, Mildred and Orrin.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Soper came to the farm where they now live, and to which has been added another forty acres. The place has been transformed into a model home. The house has been remodeled, fine new barns have been erected and Mr. Soper is engaged in general farming and in the dairy business. He keeps Holstein cattle and delivers the milk in Flint. The Sopers are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Soper is an officer. He is a member of the Grange and, politically, he is a Republican and has served his township as treasurer for two terms.

JOHN HARRIGAN.

John Horrigan, the son of Mark and Ellen (Heyhill) Horrigan, was born in county Cork, Ireland, on June 21, 1834.

Mark and Ellen Heyhill Horrigan were natives of Ireland, and lived there all their lives. Mark Horrigan was a farmer and a school teacher and was a man of good education. To him and his wife were born eight children, Patrick, John, Michael, Margaret, Mary and three who died in infancy. The children all started for the United States, and all but Mary and John were drowned when the ship "Pemonia," out of Liverpool, went down. Mary later married James Fitsgiven and settled in New Jersey. After

living there some years, they came to this county, settling in Flint township, and later removed to Detroit, where they retired.

John Horrigan was but eighteen years of age when he came to the United States and settled in Westchester county, New York. There he lived for nine years and in 1860 was united in marriage to Ella Fossett, who was born in 1834 and who died in January, 1906. To that union were born nine children, James, Mary, Mark, John, Michael, Ellen, Margaret, Frank and Robert. Mary is the wife of Samuel McDowel, of Maple Grove township, Sagassa county. Ellen is the wife of George Hammon, of Genesee township, and Margaret is the wife of John McCannely, of Flint.

In 1861 John Horrigan came to Genesee county, where he rented a farm, for five years, north of Flint. He later rented another farm, but in 1873 he moved to Mt. Morris township, where he purchased a farm of his own. The place consisted of eighty acres and was all timber. The tract was cleared, improved, and developed into a well-kept and highly-cultivated farm. There is not a stump on the place. Soon after the farm was cleared and ready for cultivation, Mr. Horrigan began gradually to raise some stock, and in this he has been quite successful. At the present time he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. Mr. Horrigan and his family are devout and consistent members of the St. Michael's Catholic church at Flint. Politically, Mr. Horrigan is a Democrat and has served his township as justice of the peace for a number of years.

Mark Horrigan was born on April 9, 1865, and was educated in the schools of Person and at Mt. Morris. After completing his education he returned to the farm, where he assisted his father for a few years. He then worked in the lumber woods for fourteen years, and then for six years was "swamping" and on the river. He then returned to Mt. Morris township, where he rented a farm for a number of years, after which he purchased a farm in section 29. There he remained until 1916, when he sold the place and is now living on the farm of his father.

On December 1, 1897, Mark Horrigan was united in marriage to Margaret White, who was born on July 18, 1874, daughter of John B. and Elizabeth (Rairdon) White, natives of Ireland, the former born in County Clare in 1835, and the latter, May 26, 1841. After coming to the United States, John B. White remained for a time in the state of New York and later came to this county, locating in Mt. Morris township, where he purchased a farm and there he lived until his death in 1891. His widow survived him until 1913. They were married in this county and were the parents of the following children: Michael (deceased), William, Martin,

John, Mary (deceased), Elizabeth, the wife of William Cox, of Bay City; Ellen, the wife of Archie Campbell, of Flint; Hannah, the wife of Amos Campbell, of Mt. Morris; Margaret, the wife of Mark Horrigan; Alice, the wife of William Callahan, of Mt. Morris township, and Catherine, the wife of Frank Tuscheny, of Mt. Clemens.

Margaret White was educated in the district schools and at Mt. Morris and was a resident of Duluth, Minnesota, for two years before her marriage to Mark Horrigan. To this union have been born nine children, Adela, Ellen, Veronica, John, Mark, Elizabeth, Albert, Helen and Marion. The Horrigans are members of the St. Mary's Catholic church. Politically, Mr. Horrigan is a Democrat and has served as a member of the school board for many years.

JOHN M. JOHNSTON.

Although the province of Ontario is excellent for general farming purposes, many of her native-born citizens have come across the border into Michigan and became farmers. Among those who have selected Genesee county for the scene of their operations is John M. Johnston, of Montrose township. He was born near Hamilton, Ontario, February 7, 1862, and is a son of William and Nancy (Carr) Johnston. The father was born in Ireland, in 1843. When a young man he emigrated to Canada, locating near Hamilton, Ontario, where he engaged in farming, residing there until about 1866, when he came to Michigan, locating in Mt. Morris township, this county, where he lived until 1872, when he located in Thetford township. In April, 1880, he moved to Montrose township, where he spent the rest of his active life, spending the last few years of his life in retirement in the village of Montrose, where his death occurred in 1912, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was a Democrat, a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Nancy Carr, was born in Canada, September 10, 1843. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were married in Canada and to their union seven children were born, namely: John, George, Mary, who married John Marble; James, Frank, who lives in New York City, Christie, the wife of L. M. Jennings, and William, who lives on the old homestead.

John M. Johnston received his education in the district schools of Mt. Morris and Thetford townships, and assisted with work on the farm in the summer time, working in the lumber woods in Crawford county, in the

winter months. When twenty-one years of age he became camp manager for H. C. Ward, being the youngest man in the crew. He spent twenty-four years in the woods, during which time he farmed in the summer months. He first purchased forty acres in section 11, Montrose township, which he later sold, and bought eighty acres in section 15, to which he added forty acres and later another forty. He then sold one forty. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has made many important improvements, including the erection of a large barn with cement floors and a modern residence, with furnace heat.

On April 25, 1889, John M. Johnston was married to Alice Farr, a daughter of Eugene and Lucy (McGuary) Farr, who came to Genesee county from Canada in an early day. Mrs. Johnston was born on August 13, 1865, and she received a common school education. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnston one child has been born, Kitty, born on April 17, 1894, who died on October 6, 1907.

Mr. Johnston is a Republican. He was highway commissioner in 1894, and in the spring of 1913 was elected township supervisor, the duties of which office he has since discharged very acceptably. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Montrose, and to the Methodist Episcopal church.

DANIEL McCAUGHNA.

Daniel McCaughna, treasurer of Gaines township, this county, and was a well-known and progressive farmer of that township, being the owner of a well-kept and profitably cultivated farm of eighty acres one and one-half miles east of the village of Duffield, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Burns township, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, November 30, 1863. He is the son of Daniel and Margaret (Haviland) McCaughna, both natives of Ireland, who came to this country after they were grown and settled in Shiawassee county, this state, where they married and established their home on a farm in the vicinity of Byron, becoming substantial and useful residents of that community. Mrs. McCaughna died on the old home farm and Mr. McCaughna is still living there at a ripe old age. They were the parents of ten children, of whom seven are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being James, Rogers, William, John, Edward and Anna.

Daniel McCaughna was reared on the home farm over in Burns town-

ship and received his schooling in the schools of Byron, finishing in the high school. At an early age he started out on his own account and by the time he was of age had saved a bit of money. He married at the age of twenty-three and for five years thereafter made his home on the farm that belonged to his wife's mother, in Argentine township, this county, operating and managing the same. Afterward he moved to the village of Gaines and was there engaged in the wood, coal and elevator business until he bought his present farm in Gaines township in 1904 and moved onto the same, where he has lived ever since and where he and his family are very pleasantly situated. Mr. McCaughna is a Democrat and for years has given close attention to local political affairs, serving at present as treasurer of the township. He and his wife are members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners and she is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Duffield, both taking a proper interest in the various social activities of their home community and in all good works thereabout, useful in the work of promoting all agencies having to do with the betterment of conditions in that neighborhood.

On November 2, 1887, Daniel McCaughna was united in marriage to Ella S. Atherton, who was born in Argentine township, this county, February 15, 1868, daughter of Samuel H. and Janet (Quackenbush) Atherton, and who, after her graduation from the Byron high school, began teaching school and was thus engaged at the time of her marriage to Mr. McCaughna. To that union six children have been born, namely: Arthur, who is a foreman of one of the departments of the big Buick factory at Flint; Howard A., a graduate of the high school at Flint; Edna L., a graduate of the same school; Janet B., who is attending the Dort school at Flint; Walter, in high school at Gaines, and Lorna E., who is still in the district school.

WILLIAM DUFF.

William Duff, one of the well-known farmers of Flushing township, was born in Crieff, Scotland, on October 25, 1854, the son of Alexander and Katherine (McNevan) Duff.

Alexander Duff was born at Muthill, Scotland, on October 27, 1826. There he was educated and grew to manhood and learned the shoemaker's trade. He later removed to Crieff, where he established himself in a shop and where he made his home until he came to America in 1854. Alexander

Duff married Katherine McNeven, who was born in Dunning, Perthshire, Scotland, on February 26, 1825. To this union the following children were born: Isabelle, the wife of James Wilber, of Saginaw; Anna, the widow of Richard Cottrell, of Flushing; William, Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Delos Simpson, and Jennie, the wife of Ebern E. Ensign. Isabelle, Anna and William were born in Scotland.

In 1854 Alexander Duff and family came to the United States, coming directly to this county and settling in the village of Flushing, where Mr. Duff worked in a shoe store for Frank Boman for years. In 1872 he purchased a farm, two miles north of Flushing, and there made his home until his death, February 10, 1901. His widow died at Saginaw on August 30, 1907. Mr. Duff and family were members of the Presbyterian church in which he was an officer for many years. He became a Mason in his native land and never transferred his membership on coming to America. Politically, Alexander Duff was a Republican and took much interest in local politics.

William Duff received his education in the schools of Flushing and lived there until he was eighteen years of age. In 1872 he moved with his parents to the farm north of town, where he remained and managed the farm until the death of the father. Four years later the mother died and the home farm was sold. Mr. Duff purchased his present farm of one hundred and twenty-nine acres in 1905.

On March 16, 1878, William Duff was united in marriage to Della Hicks, who was born on January 20, 1859, in Livingston township, Shiawassee county, the daughter of William and Agnes (Brant) Hicks, natives of Ohio, who settled in Livingston county, where they lived until moving to the farm in section 3, Flushing township, where they died. William Hicks was born in 1826 and died on February 6, 1889. His wife was born in 1830 and died on December 1, 1893. To William and Agnes Hicks were born the following children: Hiram D., now living at Midland; Charles, deceased; Frances, the wife of James Grant; Della, the wife of William Duff, and Augusta, the wife of Chauncy Streeter, of Montrose township.

To William and Della Duff have been born two children, Catherine and Earl Alex. Catherine Duff, who was born on April 29, 1882, married Seth Hotchkiss, of Montrose township, and has one child, William-Isaac, born on July 4, 1906. Earl Alex Duff, now of Flushing township, was born on August 21, 1891, and married Lilla B. Bacon. They have one child, a son, Donavan P., born on April 18, 1913.

William Duff has a well-improved farm and is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He and his family are active members of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally, Mr. Duff is a Mason and a member of the Gleaners.

GEORGE W. ROBB.

The late Dr. George W. Robb had a high standing among the professional men of Genesee county, both as a skilled physician and an honorable gentleman, for he was recognized by all classes as a high-minded, talented, courteous gentleman of integrity and moral worth.

George W. Robb, who was born near London, in Ontario province, Canada, June 9, 1858, was a son of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Robb, who were natives of Scotland and came early in life to Canada. George was one of fourteen children in this family. He was educated in Toronto, Canada, and graduated at the Detroit Medical College. After completing his medical course, he came to Linden, Michigan, and began the practice of his profession, which he continued until soon after his marriage. In 1909 he went to the Klondyke gold fields. Returning, he resumed his practice, removing to Flushing, Michigan, where he lived at the time of his death, on September 14, 1915, aged fifty-six years. He was an active member of the Methodist church. His fraternal association was with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he was independent. On September 8, 1898, George W. Robb married Carrie L. Belden, whose life history is told in the following paragraph.

Mrs. Carrie L. (Belden) Robb was born in Argentine township, Genesee county, Michigan, May 10, 1872, and is a daughter of Newton and Harriet A. (Smith) Belden. Her father was born in New York state, August 23, 1849, and came with his parents, Charles D. and Rebecca (Sears) Belden, when they settled in Genesee county, in 1850. Newton was reared in the family home in Argentine township and educated in the district schools of the township. He was married, March 10, 1870, to Harriet A. Smith and settled on a farm. He followed the occupation of farming until 1908, when he retired, and he died on January 1, 1915, at the age of sixty-five. He was a member and an official in the Methodist Episcopal church, was a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and an ardent Republican.

Harriet A. Belden was born in Hadley township, Lapeer county, Michi-

gan, August 22, 1849. Her parents, George M. Smith and Phoebe (Fish) Smith, natives of New York state, came to Michigan in the early days and settled in Lapeer county, where they engaged in farming. Harriet was educated in Atlas township, Genesee county, her parents having removed to this township when she was young. Later they removed to Argentine township, then to Fenton township, where she lived until her marriage on March 10, 1870. She was the mother of two children: Carrie L. (Mrs. Robb) and Roy, who was born September 25, 1876, and is a farmer near Swartz Creek in Clayton township. Mrs. Belden is still living at that place.

Mrs. Carrie L. Robb was educated in Shiawassee and Tuscola counties, Michigan, and in the district schools of Mundy township, later attending the high schools of Linden and Fenton. She taught in the township district schools for six years previous to her marriage. Mrs. Robb is the mother of three children: William Ewart, born January 17, 1900; Isabelle R., born March 12, 1901, and Belden, born October 10, 1902; all are going to school.

THOMAS D. PARTRIDGE.

Thomas D. Partridge, one of the oldest living pioneers of Genesee county, lives on his three-hundred-and-eighty-acre farm, four miles from Flint, in Flint township. He was born in 1832 in Devonshire, England, and came with his parents, Thomas and Anne (Dowe) Partridge, to the county in 1839.

Thomas Partridge was reared on a farm in his native country and there married Anne Dowe on August 26, 1828. On April 6, 1835, the family left England for their new home in the United States and landed at New York on May 16, 1835, being six weeks on the ocean. On May 26, 1835, they located at Stafford, Genesee county, New York. Here he rented a farm of Newton Stage for a time, after which he purchased seventy acres, where the family lived until September, 1839, when they came to Genesee county, Michigan. A farm of one hundred and twenty-nine acres was purchased in Atlas township and here they lived until the spring of 1842, when this farm was sold and they moved to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Flint township, which Mr. Partridge had bought while living in the state of New York. It was here they lived until they retired from the farm in 1867 and moved to Flint, where Mr. Partridge died on May 20, 1880, and Mrs. Partridge, on January 12, 1883.

Thomas and Anne Partridge were the parents of six children, four of

whom grew to maturity: Anne, the wife of William R. Hubbard; Thomas D., John F., who died on January 8, 1914, and Charles W., who lives a retired life in Flint.

Thomas D. Partridge has lived on his present home farm since he was ten years of age. Here he grew to manhood and received his education in the schools of the township. On the retirement of his father, Thomas D. purchased of him one hundred and forty acres of land, making him a tract at that time of two hundred acres.

On October 10, 1870, Thomas D. Partridge was united in marriage to Naomi, the daughter of James and Hannah (Mercer) Burren. Naomi Burren Partridge was born in Wayne county, New York, on September 10, 1853, and, when six years of age, came with her parents to Mt. Morris township, where they lived for one year. The family then lived for a year in Flint, before taking up their residence in Mundy township, where James Burren died on March 5, 1889. Mrs. Burren died in December, 1906. James and Hannah Burren were the parents of the following children: Naomi; William, of Mundy township; Georgie, the first of the children born in Michigan, died in 1868; Lillie, the wife of Frank Dullam, died on March 11, 1906; Julia is the wife of Frank Hill, of Mundy township; Frank and Charles are both residents of Grand Blanc.

Politically, Thomas D. Partridge is a Republican and has voted with the party since its organization. He has always been interested in the selection of the best men to office and has always taken an interest in local affairs.

S. E. CURTIS.

One of the best known native citizens of Genesee county of the older class of farmers is S. E. Curtis, now living in retirement in the village of Swartz Creek. He has been contented to spend his life in his home community and has lived to see many important changes roundabout, for this community was little developed in his boyhood days. He has played well his part as a citizen. He was born, July 9, 1849, in Mundy township, this county, and is a son of Joseph and Martha (Thompson) Curtis. The father was a native of Schenectady county, New York, and the mother was born in Massachusetts, from which state she was brought to New York by her parents when a girl, where she grew up on a farm, as did also Joseph Curtis, and they were married there. Soon afterward they came to Michigan, locating on a farm in Mundy township, Genesee county, Mr. Curtis entering eighty



MR. AND MRS S. E. CURTIS.

acres from the government, which land he cleared and improved, spending the rest of his life on the same. His death occurred when about sixty-eight years old, his widow surviving six or eight years longer, dying about 1890. To these parents three children were born, namely: Lyman, who was proprietor of the Genesee County Nursery, died March 3, 1916; Julia is the wife of Mallery Utley, and they live in Flint township; S. E., of this sketch, is the youngest.

S. E. Curtis grew up on the homestead and received a common school education. Remaining at home until he was married, he worked the home place and also on other farms. After his marriage he purchased forty acres in Mundy township, which he lived on about four years, then bought one hundred acres, on which he made his home until moving to Swartz Creek in March, 1914. He started out with no capital and by hard work and good management became very comfortably fixed, now owning an excellent farm of one hundred acres in section 5, Mundy township.

Mr. Curtis was first married in September, 1870, to Emily Countryman, a daughter of Nehemiah Countryman. She was born in Ingham county, Michigan. To this union nine children were born, all of whom grew to maturity, and eight are now living, namely: Lillian is the wife of Ellsworth Dake, of Gaines township; Jane is the wife of John Queign, of Mundy township; Mary is the wife of Henry Newton, of Mundy township; Amy is the wife of Wilbur Short, of Mundy township; Charles lives in Linden; Florence, now deceased, was the wife of William Kelley; Sophia is the wife of Elmer Gundry, of Mundy township; Fern is the wife of Frank O'Brien, of Gaines township; Cassius Nehemiah lives on the old home place. The mother of the above named children died in February, 1891, and Mr. Curtis subsequently married Mrs. Mary (Bremley) Curtis, widow of James Curtis. She was born in Devonshire, England, and when nine years old came to America with her parents, and there she grew up and was married in June, 1861. In 1866 she came to Flint township, Genesee county, Michigan, where she resided until her marriage to the subject of this sketch. Her first husband, James Curtis, was a native of England, from which country he came to America when a young man. To her first marriage, two children were born, namely: Carrie is the wife of Thomas Harvey, a photographer, living in Washington county, Michigan; William died when fifteen years of age.

Politically, S. E. Curtis is a Democrat and is faithful in his support of the party. He is a Presbyterian, but his wife belongs to the Methodist church.

JOHN McCANDLISH.

Among the pioneers of Atlas township, this county, there are few who left better memories thereabout than did the late John McCandlish, who for years was one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of that part of the county. He was a good citizen, a kind and generous neighbor, an affectionate husband and father and possessed qualities of mind and heart that endeared him to the whole countryside thereabout, so that at the time of his death on April 15, 1886, he was widely missed. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring at the home of her son-in-law, John R. Macomber, at Atlas on March 7, 1916. She enjoyed the usual distinction of seeing her picture widely published in the metropolitan press in connection with a group containing five generations of her family, of which group she was the head, the others being her daughter, Mrs. Macomber; the latter's daughter, Mrs. Letitia Niles; the latter's daughter, Mrs. Gladys Reed, and the latter's little son, William James Reed, great-great-grandson of the venerable Mrs. McCandlish.

John McCandlish was born at Kirkcudbright, on the river Dell, near Edinburgh, Scotland, April 4, 1812. He grew up in his native land and in 1838 came to the United States, locating at Hyde Park, a suburb of New York City, where he married, November 18, 1844, Margaret Stivens, who was born at Lawrence Kirk, Kincardineshire, Scotland, May 18, 1822, and who had come to this country with friends when she was twenty years of age, locating in New York. In 1847 John McCandlish and his wife came to Michigan and settled on a farm of eighty acres in the southwestern part of Atlas township, this county, which at that time was an unbroken forest wilderness. He cleared a spot on a rising piece of land on his homestead tract, erected thereon a small frame house and there established his home, early becoming one of the most influential pioneers of that part of the county. John McCandlish was a member of the Presbyterian church and his wife was an Episcopalian, both taking an active part in church affairs in their community, as well as in all neighborhood good works, and were for years helpful in promoting all good causes thereabout. On that pioneer farm John McCandlish spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in the spring of 1886, as noted above, his widow, as also noted above, long surviving him. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom three died in infancy and one, William McCandlish, died at Goodrich, this county, on December 25, 1915; the surviving children being as follow: Mary Isabel, who mar-

ried John R. Macomber, a well-known retired miller at Atlas; Jane, wife of Joseph Nichols, living near Standish; Robert Henry, who lives at Flint; John Ewine, of Goodrich; Colin, who lives on the old home farm in Atlas township; Allan, who lives on a farm four miles southwest of the city of Flint, and Stephen, who lives on a farm near the old McCandlish home farm, in the southwestern part of Atlas township.

EMRIE W. ROCKAFELLOW.

Emrie W. Rockafellow, proprietor of the hotel at Goodrich, this county, justice of the peace in and for Atlas township, former treasurer of that township and for years, or until his retirement from the active labors of the farm, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers in that part of the county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived in this county all his life. He was born on a farm at the south edge of Davison township, February 8, 1858, son of Elijah A. and Joan (Burpee) Rockafellow, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of this state, whose last days were spent in this county.

Elijah A. Rockafellow was born at Mt. Morris, in Genesee county, New York, April 7, 1832, son of Elias and Catherine (Thatcher) Rockafellow, who came to Michigan the year in which this state was admitted to statehood and became prominent and influential pioneers of the southern part of this county. The Rockafellows, or Rockefellers, as the name is variously known, are a numerous family in the United States, all descending from a common stock, the founder of the family in this country having been old Johann Peter Rockefeller, who came from Sagendorf, in Rhineland, Germany, about 1723, and settled in Somerset county, New Jersey, becoming one of the foremost citizens in what is now Raritan township, Hunterdon county, that state. From him and his brother, Diehl Rockefeller, have descended those of that name and of the name of Rockafellow in the United States, now a numerous family, some of whom are known the world over. The name in Europe has been traced back for centuries to an old feudal castle in France. Old Johann Peter Rockefeller had a grandson, John Rockefeller, who was the father of John, Jr., who was the father of Elias, who was the father of Elijah A., father of the subject of this sketch, the name two or three generations back having been changed in the latter branch to Rockafellow. John Rockefeller, son of Peter, grandson of Johann Peter, the emigrant, was a

lieutenant in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War and distinguished himself at the battle of Monmouth.

Elias Rockafellow, son of John, son of John, son of Peter, son of Johann Peter Rockefeller, was born in New Jersey in 1803. He was left an orphan at an early age and was reared by an uncle, Samuel, under whose direction he learned the blacksmith trade. At the age of twenty-one he married Catherine Thatcher and moved to Mt. Morris, Genesee county, New York, whence, in 1837, he and his wife and their seven children came to Michigan and settled in what then was a "howling" wilderness in the southern part of Genesee county, the journey from Detroit requiring four days of toilsome travel. The nearest grist-mill was thirty miles away and there were few settlers in that part of the country at that time. Elias Rockafellow set up a blacksmith shop at what is now the village of Atlas and established a foundry for the manufacture of plows, sleigh-shoes and the like, and shod horses and oxen there until 1868, when he sold out to his son, Elijah A. Rockafellow. Elias Rockafellow made considerable money, but the constant drain on his well-known generosity prevented him from accumulating much wealth. He was a Republican, as were his six sons, and for many years served as justice of the peace in that community. He also was for some time township treasurer and filled other offices of trust, until growing deafness retired him from public service. Upon his retirement from active life he lived on a good farm in ease and comfort until his death in 1887. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church and were among the leaders in that congregation thereabout.

Elijah A. Rockafellow was about five years of age when he came to this county with his parents and he grew to manhood here, from boyhood being an able assistant to his father in the blacksmith shop and foundry. In 1856 he took up a farm in Davison township and after his marriage about that time established his home there, living there until 1868, when he sold the farm and bought his father's foundry, which he traded in November of the next year for a farm west of the village of Atlas, where he lived until 1887, when he moved to Flint, where he lived until after the death of his wife in 1893, after which he made his home with his son, Emrie W., until his death on March 29, 1904. Elijah A. Rockafellow had for years taken an active part in public affairs, one of the local leaders of the Republican party in his community, and for four years served as highway commissioner. He was a member of Davison Lodge No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons, and took a warm interest in the affairs of that organ-

ization. His wife, who before her marriage was Joan Burpee, was born in Atlas township, this county, January 22, 1837, daughter of Nehemiah S. and Sarah J. (Childs) Burpee, both natives of the state of Vermont, who were among the earliest settlers in this part of Michigan. Nehemiah S. Burpee was born at Chittenden, Vermont, June 29, 1807, son of Nathan and Lucinda Burpee, the former of whom, born at Westminster, Massachusetts, December 12, 1758, served as a soldier in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War, died at his home in this county on January 5, 1836, and is buried in the old burying ground east of Grand Blanc. Nehemiah S. Burpee married, at Rutland, Vermont, Sarah J. Childs, who was born there, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Bowker) Childs, both natives of that same town, the former born on August 19, 1780, and the latter born in that same year, and in 1830 came to the Territory of Michigan and pre-empted the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 18 in Atlas township, this county. The next year, 1831, he brought his family out here and established his home on that homestead tract. On June 5, 1833, he entered a claim to the southeast quarter of the same section and became one of the foremost pioneer farmers of that part of the county. There he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1882, he then being eighty years of age. To Elijah A. and Joan (Burpee) Rockafellow four children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Ellis S., now living at Detroit; Francis I., who died at the age of ten days, and Edward C., who lives at Chicago.

Emrie W. Rockafellow was ten years old when his father moved from his homestead farm in Davison township to Atlas in 1868, and when his father traded the foundry for a farm west of the village the next year, moved with the family to that farm and there grew to manhood. In the spring of 1881 he married and continued to make his home on the old home place until 1891, when his father sold the farm and moved onto the Burpee farm at the west edge of the township of Atlas, which his mother's father had entered from the government, and there he followed farming until 1913, when he sold the place and moved to the village of Goodrich, where he ever since has made his home. During his residence on the old home farm and following his marriage, Mr. Rockafellow spent seven seasons "on the road," selling self-binder reaping machines and became one of the best-known agents in that line in this part of the state. During the two terms, 1902-03 and 1903-04, he served as treasurer of his home township and in 1908 was elected justice of the peace in and for that township. He was re-elected in

1912 and again in 1916 and is now serving his third term in that important office. Squire Rockafellow is a Republican and has for years given close attention to local political affairs, frequently serving as a member of the county central committee of his party. In August, 1912, he was appointed to superintend the work of good roads in his section of the county and has had charge of that work in the district comprised in Atlas and Grand Blanc townships ever since. Squire Rockafellow is a member of the Masons, the Grange, the Maccabees and the Gleaners and takes a warm interest in the affairs of these organizations. In July, 1915, he re-opened the old hotel at Goodrich and has ever since been conducting the same, proving a very popular landlord.

It was on March 16, 1881, that Emrie W. Rockafellow was united in marriage to Mahala C. Williams, who was born in Mundy township, this county, April 29, 1858, daughter of the Rev. Samuel A. and Cynthia S. (Gustin) Williams, both natives of Oswego county, New York, who came to this county before the days of the Civil War and spent their last days here. The Rev. Samuel A. Williams, for many years a well-known minister of the Free-Will Baptist church in this county, was a stone mason by trade and followed that vocation for a livelihood. He was born on August 30, 1826, and grew to manhood in his native county in New York and was twice married there. His first wife died within a year after her marriage, without issue, and on July 14, 1840, he married Cynthia S. Gustin, who was born in that same county, and in 1856 they came to Michigan and located in Mundy township, this county, where Mrs. Williams died in July, 1863, leaving six children, four sons and two daughters, John J., Samuel F., Aaron E., George W., Mahala C. and Sophronia S., of whom John, Samuel and George are now deceased; Aaron lives at Clio, this county; Sophronia, who is married, lives at Alma, in Gratiot county, and Mahala is the wife of Squire Rockafellow. On October 6, 1863, the Rev. Samuel A. Williams married Marie Anna Wilcox, who was born in Mundy township, this county, February 3, 1841, daughter of Charles and Matilda (Bentley) Wilcox, the former of whom was a farmer and cabinet maker there, and to that union three daughters and one son were born, namely: Alice A., wife of Mark Potter, of Burlingame, Kansas; Ida May, wife of William H. Sage, living near Durand; Ethel E., wife of James Burden, of Atlas township, and Elmer E., deceased. The Rev. Samuel A. Williams was a Royal Arch Mason. He died on August 2, 1903, and his widow is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Sage.

FARMERS EXCHANGE BANK OF GRAND BLANC.

The Farmers Exchange Bank of Grand Blanc was organized on August 1, 1907, as a private bank with Elmer H. Stone as president and general manager. Mr. Stone was the only local man interested in the bank, the other stockholders being C. J. Miller, W. L. Miller, John Miller and Dell Davison, of Swartz Creek; Charles Chambers and A. T. Miller, of Flint, and Ira T. Sayre, of Flushing. After the death of Mr. Stone in 1912, Frank J. Sawyer, of Grand Blanc, was taken in as a director. About eighteen months later, March 10, 1914, five other men of Grand Blanc became interested in the bank, namely: Alexander Gundry, I. E. Parsons, John Gainey, George Coggins and Frank M. Perry.

At a meeting of the stockholders held in March, 1914, the following officers were elected: Frank J. Sawyer, president; Alexander Gundry, cashier; Ivan E. Parsons, secretary; Frank Perry, vice-president; George Coggins, chairman of the loan board, and Floyd Larobardierre, assistant cashier. All of these officials are still serving in these capacities.

The bank is not an institution for the benefit of its stockholders, but it seeks to serve in every legitimate way the needs of the community. With a responsibility of \$200,000 and deposits of \$100,000, it may be seen that the bank shows a security of two dollars for every dollar it has on deposit. Such an institution merits the high esteem in which it is held by the community it serves.

FRANK J. SAWYER.

Frank J. Sawyer, banker and farmer, of the village of Grand Blanc, this county, was born there, April 14, 1867, and has lived there all his life, the village occupying a portion of the farm on which he was born. He comes of a family that settled in Grand Blanc in the early days and left a definite and continuing influence for good thereabout, his grandfather, Col. Edward Sawyer, and his father, Edward Armand Sawyer, in their respective generations, having been among the most potent factors in the work of developing the resources of the southern part of Genesee county and of this part of the state in general.

Col. Edward Sawyer, the first of the family to come to Genesee county, was a native of New Hampshire, born at Piermont, in that state, August 12, 1788, a member of one of the old New England families, descended

from Thomas Sawyer, who was born in England about 1615 and died at Lancaster, Massachusetts. One of this Thomas Sawyer's eleven children was John Sawyer, who settled at Lancaster, Massachusetts, but died at Lym, Connecticut. John Sawyer was the father of Edward, who was the father of Thomas, who settled in Oxford, New Hampshire, in 1756, and was the father of eleven children, among whom were Susanna, who was the mother of Governor Palmer, of Vermont; John, who lived to be nearly one hundred and four years of age, and Edward, born in 1742, married Hannah Strong and was the father of Col. Edward Sawyer, the Genesee county pioneer. The latter spent his early life in Canandaigua, New York, where he owned a wholesale saddlery and harness business and was a man of much influence and of considerable wealth. He was an active member of the Masonic fraternity and when the celebrated "Morgan case" came up he was accused of having been a leader in the alleged conspiracy to do away with Morgan. Colonel Sawyer spent twenty-five thousand dollars trying to clear up the mystery, but was never able to trace Morgan. Largely because of the unjust odium heaped upon him by reason of the incident, Colonel Sawyer disposed of his interests in the East and came to Michigan. Many years afterward Thurlow Weed, a New York political leader at the time of the Morgan incident, admitted on his death-bed that Colonel Sawyer had been unjustly accused in the matter.

It was in the fall of 1835 that Colonel Sawyer came to the then Territory of Michigan and bought a large tract of "Congress land" in the Grand Blanc country along the south line of Genesee county, taking in part of Slack's Lake and extending east along the Saginaw trail. He built a log house not far from the lake, cleared a tract of about six acres and returned to New York, whence, the next spring he brought his family to their new home in the wilderness. All unprepared for the rigors of pioneer life, two of the daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, died within a year after coming here. The Sawyer home early became the center of the social life of the pioneer community and the influence that emanated therefrom went far toward bringing about proper conditions in the formative period of that now well-established and prosperous region. Mrs. Sawyer's name was second on the list of the charter members of the Episcopal church at Flint, the first church organized in that city, and Colonel Sawyer ever was a leader in public affairs hereabout and foremost among the leaders in all good and worthy enterprises. He was a member of the building committee that built the Congregational church at Grand Blanc and he and his team headed the procession of teams that hauled the lumber from Atlas to build the same. He was an

uncompromising Democrat, as have been his descendants, even to his great-grandson. Colonel Sawyer died at his home in this county, February 2, 1885, and his widow survived but ten weeks, her death occurring on April 12 of that same year. She was born, Almira Kellogg, at Sheffield, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, February 2, 1800, and was married to Colonel Sawyer on January 1, 1818. Of the children born to that union, besides Edward A. Sawyer, father of the subject of this sketch, Caroline K., who married B. F. Bush, died on March 21, 1914; Maria A., who married M. S. Tyler, died in 1903, and J. Frank Sawyer, who was a soldier of the Union army during the Civil War, continued in the service after the close of the war and was killed by Indians at the battle of Ft. Phil Kearney, in Dakota, in November, 1867.

Edward Armand Sawyer was about fourteen years old when he came to Michigan with his parents in 1836 and he grew to manhood on the paternal farm. On January 14, 1863, he married Esther Mascall, who was born at Auburn, in Oakland county, this state, December 25, 1832, a daughter of Gen. Charles C. and Nancy (Rounds) Hascall, prominent pioneers of that settlement, whose last days were spent in Flint, this county. In 1838 General Hascall was appointed receiver of the land office at Flint and held that office for years, later becoming a banker and large landowner, particularly of lands to the south of Flint, reaching to the Grand Blanc line. He was a man of much influence in political affairs and was at one time the nominee of his party for Congress. Edward A. Sawyer remained a farmer at Grand Blanc all his life. He was an ardent admirer of fine horses, as was his father and as is his son today, and, like his father, also was deeply concerned in the work of promoting better conditions hereabout, having been one of the most influential supporters of the movement that led to the surveying of the railroad through Grand Blanc, instead of along a different line. For many years he was a member of the school board and did much toward establishing proper educational standards in his community. While an active supporter of the Democratic party, he never sought office. In the days before the coming of the professional undertaker he was widely called on to act as "manager" of funerals through the Grand Blanc region and he and his wife were ever helpful in the performance of all good neighborly offices thereabout. Mrs. Sawyer died on August 17, 1896, and Mr. Sawyer survived until January 27, 1905. They were the parents of seven children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Charles E., Mary Elizabeth, Angeline Wisner, John, Edward Strong and Harold C.

Frank J. Sawyer has lived at Grand Blanc all his life. Until becom-

ing interested in the banking business a few years ago he had given his chief attention to the management of his firm farm at the edge of the village, to his extensive live-stock interests and to his equally extensive real-estate transactions, long having been active in both of these latter lines. As was his father, he is an ardent fancier of fine horses, and has raised a number of prize-winners, including the noted "Red Fox," with a racing record of 2:09 $\frac{1}{4}$ and which was widely exhibited at horse shows under the name of "Fascination," and which was declared in New York to have been the finest horse that ever was raised in Michigan. Upon the death of Elmer H. Stone, president of the Farmers Exchange Bank of Grand Blanc and father-in-law of Mr. Sawyer, in 1912, the latter was made a director of that bank and about two years later was elected president of the bank, which position he now holds, giving his attention now almost exclusively to his banking and real-estate interests, a very potent factor in the business life of that entire community.

It was on November 2, 1904, that Frank J. Sawyer was united in marriage to Mabel Stone, daughter and only child of Elmer H. and Helena (Van Tiffin) Stone, the former a native of the neighboring county of Oakland and the latter of this county. Elmer H. Stone was born on a farm in Groveland township, Oakland county, November 3, 1847, son of Darius H. and Mary J. (Hadley) Stone, both natives of the state of New York, of English descent, who became early settlers in this part of Michigan. Elmer H. Stone was the eldest of the seven children born to this parentage and when ten years old came with his parents to Genesee county, the family locating at Flint, whence, a few years later, they moved to Gibsonville, in Grand Blanc township, moving thence, about 1870, to Holly, and thence to Flint, where they lived for two or three years. Elmer H. Stone married in 1870 and for four years was engaged in the mercantile business at Holly, later moving to Grand Blanc. In 1883 he moved to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 16 of Grand Blanc township, where he engaged in the sheep business and where he remained for twenty-five years, at the end of which time he moved to the village of Grand Blanc, where he spent the rest of his life, and where his widow is still living, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Sawyer. It was on August 1, 1907, that Elmer H. Stone and others organized the Farmers Exchange Bank of Grand Blanc. He was elected president of that concern and remained thus connected until his death on February 29, 1912. Mr. Stone was active in local civic affairs, had served for five years as supervisor of Grand Blanc township and for several years as treasurer of the township.

It was on February 3, 1870, that Elmer H. Stone was united in marriage to Helena F. Van Tifflin, who was born in Flint township, this county, daughter of David and Louisa (Jacobus) Van Tifflin, the former of whom was born at Avon, New York, and the latter at Newark, New Jersey. David Van Tifflin came to Michigan with his parents, Peter Cornelius and Hannah (Allen) Van Tifflin, who settled in Grand Blanc township in 1832. Louisa Jacobus also came to this country in childhood with her parents, Cornelius and Sarah (Smith) Jacobus, who also located in Grand Blanc township. Mr. Van Tifflin died in 1908, at the age of eighty-three years, and his widow is still living on the home farm two and one-half miles east of the village of Grand Blanc, now past eighty-three years of age. Mrs. Sawyer comes of a long-lived family, numerous of her ancestors having lived to great ages. When she was a child she had twelve living direct ancestors, three of whom were past ninety years of age. Mr. Sawyer is a Democrat and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Maccabees, the Order of the Loyal Guard and the Order of Gleaners, in the affairs of all of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

ADRIAN P. GALE.

Few names are better known throughout the lower part of Genesee county than that of Gale and few, if any, are held in better memory thereabout than that of the late Adrian P. Gale and of his father, Dr. Elbridge G. Gale, pioneer physician and statesman, the latter of whom rendered a notable service not only to the people of his home vicinity, but to the state at large, as a member of the Michigan state constitutional convention and as a member of the Legislature. Adrian P. Gale, who was commissioned as an officer in the Union army during the Civil War, was for many years justice of the peace in and for Atlas township and in other ways rendered acceptable public service in that community.

Adrian P. Gale was born in Niagara county, New York, in 1836, son of Dr. Elbridge G. and Mary (Rich) Gale, natives of Massachusetts, the former of whom was born at Warwick, in Franklin county, that state, February 2, 1811. Doctor Gale's mother, Mary Gale, was descended from the Sargents and Washburns, old Colonial families in Massachusetts. In 1818 the Gale family moved to Shoreham, in Addison county, Vermont, and it was there that Doctor Gale laid the foundation for his future success as a physician and statesman. At the age of sixteen he began teaching

school and later attended three or four terms at Newton Academy at Shoreham, in the meantime studying medicine in the office of Doctor Hall at that place and presently entered the Vermont Medical College at Castleton, from which he was graduated in 1834. In April of the next year, 1835, Doctor Gale married Mary Rich, of Shoreham, and immediately afterward moved to Niagara county, New York, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession until November, 1844, when he came to Michigan and settled in Atlas township, this county, continuing his practice there until 1851, one of the foremost of the earnest pioneer physicians of this region. In 1850 Doctor Gale served as a member of the Michigan state constitutional convention from this district, was a member of the lower house of the Legislature in 1853 and a member of the state Senate in 1861. In 1863 he was appointed surgeon of the provost board of the sixth Michigan military district and occupied that position until the close of the war, after which for two years he served as collector of internal revenue for this district. He was a Knight Templar Mason and took an active interest in Masonic affairs. On June 10, 1863, while on a visit to her old home at Shoreham, Vermont, Doctor Gale's wife died and his later years also were spent at that same place, his death occurring there on November 3, 1885, he then being nearly seventy-five years of age. His mother spent her last days in this county, her death having occurred at the home of her grandson, Adrian P. Gale, in Atlas township, on November 26, 1880, she then being ninety-two years of age. She had in her possession an ancient pitcher that had come over in the "Mayflower" and had been handed down through the generations of descendants of the original owner, always being given to a Mary Gale, and since her time has continued to be held in the possession of a Mary Gale.

Adrian P. Gale was seven or eight years old when his parents came to Michigan and he grew to manhood in the old Gale homestead in Atlas township, later becoming the owner of the farm that his father had bought in pioneer days. In the latter fifties he married and when the Civil War broke out enlisted for service and was given a commission as an officer, but before being ordered to the front he was seized with an attack of rheumatism which compelled him to use crutches for about a year, his military ambitions thus being effectually crushed. He was an active Republican and during the most of his mature life served as supervisor or as justice of the peace of his home township. For many years he was master of the Masonic lodge at Davison and was ever warmly interested in Masonic affairs. Adrian P. Gale died on December 17, 1910. His wife, Helen T.

Wilder, was born at or near the city of Albany, New York, a daughter of Hamilton and Sylvia (Howe) Wilder, and became a school teacher, coming to this state and teaching at Atlas two or three years before her marriage to Mr. Gale. She had a brother, Hamilton S. Wilder, who died in Andersonville prison while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, and another brother, Wilber E. Wilder, who was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and is now a major in the United States army. To Adrian P. and Helen T. (Wilder) Gale six children were born, two of whom died in infancy, the survivors being Perry Gale, of Atlas; Fred Gale, of Flint; Will A. Gale, of Atlas, and Mary R., wife of William A. Irving, of Springfield, Missouri.

THOMAS OLIFF.

Thomas Oliff was born in Aylesford, Kent county, England, May 21, 1849. He is a son of Thomas M. and Esther Bush Oliff. John Oliff, his grandfather, was a sailor who deserted his ship and joined the American navy and fought through the War of 1812 against his native country. Little is known of his life, as he joined the American navy under an assumed name. He was buried in the James river. Esther Bush Oliff was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Bryce Bush, both of Scotch descent. The family has been very prominent in the British parliament both in early days and at present.

Thomas M. and Esther Bush Oliff had six children, Ella, Walter, Thomas, Lewis, Amos and Albert. Ella married John Perrin and always lived in England. Walter went to New Zealand and engaged in farming. Thomas came to America. Lewis came to America and was engaged in business in Shreveport, Louisiana. Amos came to America and stayed a short time, leaving for South Africa, and is now engaged in the brick business at Johannesburg, Transvaal. Albert went to South Africa and superintended the construction of the Durban, Maritzburg & Ladysmith railroad. He now owns large mining interests in South Africa and is prominent in government affairs.

Thomas Oliff came to America and to Michigan very young. He found employment at railroading and later bought a farm and engaged in the brick- and tile-manufacturing business in Milford, Michigan, in 1873. He moved to Clio, Genesee county, in 1890 and established the Clio brick plant,

which he continued to operate until the spring of 1916, when it was sold. Mr. Oliff is vice-president of the Clio State Bank and is a large property owner in Clio and elsewhere. He has a fine home and has done much toward the building up and the prosperity of the village of Clio.

Thomas Oliff was married to Emily Woodhams, a native of England, and they have had five children: Ezra, who died in infancy; Lillian, deceased; Mabel, who married J. D. Lawrence, of Ypsilanti, Michigan; Minnie, who married E. J. Macomber, of Flint, and Edith, who married Charles G. Matzen, of Clio. Mr. Oliff is a member of the Presbyterian church, is independent in politics, regardless of his party affiliations, and was a member of the village board of Clio for years.

JOHN E. McCANDLISH.

John E. McCandlish, one of the best-known and most representative citizens of the village of Goodrich, this county, a substantial retired farmer of Atlas township, the present highway commissioner of that township and in other ways actively identified with the common interests of his home community and of the county at large, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life, thus having been a witness to and a participant in the wonderful development that has marked this region during the past half century or more. He was born on a pioneer farm in Atlas township, January 6, 1855, son of John McCandlish and wife, prominent residents of that community, a general biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and grew to manhood on the home farm, from the days of his boyhood an able assistant in the work of developing the same.

In 1880 John E. McCandlish, in partnership with his three brothers, Allan, Colin and Stephen, began farming for themselves, the brothers buying a farm of eighty acres in section 19 of their home township, adjoining that of their father. In addition to that place they farmed the home farm, two other "eighties" and a "forty" nearby and did well from the very beginning of their operations, soon coming to be recognized as among the most energetic and progressive farmers of the neighborhood. In 1881, the year after beginning these operations, John E. McCandlish married. He continued his partnership arrangement with his brothers for about fourteen years, at the end of which time the brothers divided their holdings and he bought eighty acres in the northeast quarter of section 20 and forty acres in

the southeast quarter of section 19, made his home on the "eighty" and continued living there until January, 1908, a period of about twenty-seven years, at the end of which time he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to the village of Goodrich, where he has lived ever since and where he and his wife are quite comfortably and very pleasantly situated. Mr. McCandlish is a Democrat and in April, 1916, was elected to the office of highway commissioner for his home township, being the only Democrat elected at that election in that township, which has a large Republican majority.

It was in 1881 that John E. McCandlish was united in marriage to Sarah Burts, who was born in Hadley township, in the neighboring county of Lapeer, a daughter of Peter M. and Sarah (Fifield) Burts, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Michigan, for many years well-known and influential residents of Goodrich, both now deceased. Peter M. Burts was born at Clarence, in Erie county, New York, October 28, 1834, and when eight years old came to Michigan with his parents, John and Sarah (Updegraff) Burts, the family settling in Atlas township, this county, where John Burts bought a farm north of the village of Goodrich. After some years there he moved to Saginaw, but in his old age came back to Genesee county and spent his last years in the home of his son, Peter M., at Goodrich. Peter Burts grew to manhood in this county and became a very proficient blacksmith. He married Sarah Fifield, who was born at Troy, near Detroit, this state, a daughter of the Rev. Joseph and Polly (Plato) Fifield, who later moved to Hadley township, Lapeer county, and bought a farm there, later selling the same and moving to a number of places, following his calling as a minister of the Christian church. For some time after his marriage Peter M. Burts lived in Hadley township, but when his daughter, Sarah, was about six years old moved to Goodrich, where he bought a home, established a blacksmith shop and followed his trade there until old age. After some time he sold the house he first built and erected the house in which Mr. and Mrs. McCandlish now live and there he and his wife spent their last days, her death occurring on October 20, 1905, and his, March 21, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. McCandlish one child was born, a daughter, Margaret S., born on September 16, 1882, who married Homer W. Day, a well-known merchant of Goodrich, and who died on March 30, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. McCandlish are both members of the Grange, in the affairs of which organization they take a warm interest, and Mrs. McCandlish is treasurer of the Ladies Library Association of Goodrich, an organization of which she has

been an active member almost from the time of its organization in 1877. She also is treasurer of the Womens' Christian Temperance Union and of the Ladies of the Maccabees.

CHARLES CHAMBERS.

Some people seem to forget that a fertile soil is a living, breathing thing, fed by nature or by the hand of man, with the natural mineral elements and the organic matter necessary for the use of the soil bacteria in the manufacture of plant food, and for a delightful environment in which they can live and work. Charles Chambers, the energetic and able manager of the widely known Crapo farm in Gaines township, Genesee county, has not overlooked this and other vital facts necessary to success in modern agriculture and has therefore advanced himself to a position in the front rank of twentieth-century agriculturists.

Mr. Chambers was born in Burton township, Genesee county, December 18, 1856, and is a son of Robert and Emily (Wolverton) Chambers. The father was born in Jefferson county, New York, and when a boy was brought to Burton township, Genesee county, Michigan, by his father, Joseph Chambers, locating on forty acres where the grandparents of the subject of this sketch spent the rest of their lives, this land being first secured by Jeremiah Chambers, one of the earliest pioneers in this locality. When Robert Chambers married he located on his farm of two hundred acres. His young wife died on December 25, 1856, and he married Agnes Boughten. He continued to live on his farm until about 1884, when he sold out and moved to Virginia, locating near the city of Richmond, purchasing five hundred and forty-five acres and there he spent the rest of his life. One child was born of his first marriage, Charles, of this sketch. A daughter was born to his second marriage, Mattie, who married a Mr. Armstrong, lives in Richmond, Virginia.

Charles Chambers grew up on the home farm and received his education in the public schools of Burton township and the city of Flint. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years old, then entered the lumber woods in Tuscola county, Michigan, for Thomas Foster, in whose employ he remained for a period of twelve years, continuing at the lumber camps. He then accepted a position as foreman of a gang of men, continuing in this capacity until May 27, 1889, when he took the management of the W. W. Crapo farm, located two miles southwest of Swartz Creek in Gaines town-



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ship, which position he has held for a period of twenty-six years continuously, his long retention being evidence of his ability not only as an up-to-date and progressive farmer, but also as a man of executive mind and one who understands well the handling of men. He has kept this farm of one thousand and forty-five acres well tilled and well improved, carrying on general farming and stock raising on a vast scale.

Mr. Chambers was married, on May 1, 1887, to Lydia A. Templeton, a daughter of John and Eliza (Kennedy) Templeton, and to this union two children have been born, namely: Essie E., now deceased, was the wife of John Lawrence; Harold R., who is assisting his father with the management of the farm, has attended the Ferris Institute.

Politically, Mr. Chambers is a Republican. He is a member of the Gleaners, the Modern Woodmen of America and Goodwill Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Swartz Creek.

FRED E. BLACKMORE.

Fred E. Blackmore, a well-known farmer and saw-mill man, of Davison, this county, is a native son of Genesee county, born on a farm in the southwest part of Davison township, October 14, 1871, son of Charles and Mary (Gillette) Blackmore, the former a native of England and the latter of this county, prominent and influential residents of Davison township, whose last days were spent there.

Charles Blackmore, born in Devonshire, son of William and Charity Blackmore, was about eighteen years old when he came to this country with his father, the other members of the family coming over from England later. After a short stay in New York state, the Blackmore family came to Michigan in the early fifties and settled in Genesee county. William Blackmore bought a tract of land in Davison township, a farm now owned by his grandson, Fred E. Blackmore, the subject of this sketch, and there established his home. The country thereabout at that time was an unbroken wilderness of deep woods and William Blackmore was compelled first of all to clear off a bit of land upon which to erect a humble home for his family. On that farm Charles Blackmore reached manhood and in due time married Mary Gillette, who was born in Burton township, this county, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Anabel) Gillette, pioneer settlers of that

part of the county, and established his home on the Blackmore place, eventually succeeding his father as the owner of the same. Charles Blackmore became a prosperous farmer and also for some time was engaged in operating a threshing-rig during the seasons. As his affairs prospered he added to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres, which he presently sold off to his sons and late in life moved to the village of Davison where he spent his last days, his death occurring on June 29, 1909. He was an energetic, public-spirited citizen and took a proper part in local civic affairs, for years serving as a member of the village board of trustees. He was a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and took a warm interest in the affairs of that organization. His widow survived him about five years, her death occurring at the home of her son-in-law, Fred Knapp, of Davison township, in March, 1914. Charles Blackmore and wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Jennie S., who married Fred Knapp, a prominent citizen of Davison township, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Lizzie M., wife of John E. Hillier, also a well-known resident of Davison township; William C., of Davison village, and Eddie D., of the same village.

Fred E. Blackmore was reared on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the neighboring school, and remained on the farm, a valuable assistant to his father in the labor of developing and improving the same, until after his marriage in 1894, when he made his home in Davison, but a year later returned to the farm where he was born and engaged in the active work of farming the same, and was thus engaged until his retirement from the farm and removed to Davison in April, 1916. About 1910 Mr. Blackmore procured a threshing-rig and has since then, during the seasons, been engaged in threshing. He also set up a saw-mill at Davison and is now giving the greater part of his attention to the flourishing business he has built up along that line, though he continues actively to superintend the operation of his farm and is regarded as a very successful farmer. He has a fine farm of one hundred acres, which was well improved, even in his father's time, and which he has further improved until it is one of the best farms in that part of the county.

It was in March, 1894, that Fred E. Blackmore was united in marriage to Ida Verrell, who was born in Davison township, this county, daughter of Edwin and Theode (Keslar) Verrell, who are now living retired in the

village of Grand Blanc. To Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore six children have been born, Horace G., Sadie M., Olive M., Luella B., Cleo M. and Charles Edwin. The Blackmores have a very pleasant home at Davison and take a proper part in the various social activities of their home town.

WILLIAM N. MONROE.

This gentleman is another of the old soldiers whom it is a delight to honor. They are getting fewer and fewer in number and their steps are not as quick and full of meaning as they were fifty years ago when they were fighting for the supremacy of the Union, but it gives us a sense of gratification to see them in their uniforms of blue or wearing the medals of the "grand army," and so we accord them due respect.

William N. Monroe, merchant of Davison, was born on February 24, 1842, in Boston township, Erie county, New York, and is a son of Aaron and Marcena (Streeter) Monroe. His parents moved to Livingston county from the old Empire state when he was less than two years old and were thus among the early pioneers of that section of Michigan and there the mother died when William N. Monroe was nine years of age.

William N. Monroe was reared on the farm where he worked hard when a boy and he received a meager schooling in the primitive district schools. When eighteen years of age he left home and went to Illinois, where he enlisted in Company F, Forty-second Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was in the Central Department, in Tennessee and Mississippi, most of the time. The date of his enlistment was August 5, 1861, and he remained in the service four years, five months and five days, being honorably discharged in January, 1866. He saw much hard service and proved to be a faithful and gallant soldier. He was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, one of the greatest of the war, and was in the hospital about one month. He was promoted from private to first sergeant for bravery and at the close of the war was brevetted second lieutenant.

After the war William N. Monroe returned to Illinois, and in the spring of 1866 located in Davison township, this county, just fifty years ago, buying a farm two and one-half miles southwest of the village of Davison, which he improved and there engaged in general farming for twenty years. About thirty years ago he went to Milligan and farmed about four years, then returned to Davison and was elected president of the co-operative store.

owned by the Patrons of Industry. He was president of the store two years and secretary ten years, the business experiencing a steady and satisfactory growth during the period that he was connected with the store. After severing his relations with the same he went into business for himself, starting a new store at Davison and has been a successful merchant there ever since, having been engaged in general mercantile pursuits in Davison longer than any other man. He carries a large and well-selected stock and is dealing fairly with all his customers.

Politically, Mr. Monroe is a Prohibitionist. In his younger days he served as township treasurer. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church and he is a deacon in the same. It was in 1888 that William N. Monroe was married to Didama Rogers, who was born in the state of New York, a daughter of Charles and Caroline (Hill) Rogers, who came to this county when she was a child, the family locating in Davison township, where Mr. Rogers farmed the rest of his life. He served as justice of the peace for many years. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe, namely: Charles A., of Flint, who married Frances Stokes and has three children, Walter, Kirk and Bill; Arthur W., who married Ethel Hall and lives in Davison, and Sophia, the widow of John Raizon, now living in Flint. She has four children, Paul, Ernest, Muriel and Mildred. Mr. Monroe has lived to see this locality transformed from practically a wilderness to its present high state of development and he has played well his part in the momentous changes.

DR. AMOS S. WHEELOCK.

Dr. Amos S. Wheelock, of Goodrich, was born on December 7, 1861, at Bridgewater, Michigan, a son of Emmons H. and Polly (Wilson) Wheelock, both natives of the vicinity of Batavia, New York. Emmons H. Wheelock came to this county in 1831 with his father, who entered land from the government, which he cleared and developed into the Wheelock homestead, on which the Doctor was born and reared. After attending school at Manchester, Amos S. Wheelock entered the State University at Ann Arbor, spending one year in the literary department, then took the medical course, from which he was graduated in 1888 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Soon thereafter he took up the practice of his profession at Goodrich, where he has since remained, enjoying a large and lucrative practice as a general

practitioner, his name long since having become a household word throughout that section of the county. In 1902 and 1903 Doctor Wheelock took a post-graduate course in surgery at Ann Arbor and another in 1904 in the Medical School of Chicago, again specializing in the study of surgery, doing a large amount of hospital and clinical work, and has been very successful as a surgeon.

Many years ago Doctor Wheelock became a member of the American Congress of Surgeons, which holds annual meetings and provides clinical work and lectures by the most advanced surgeons of the large cities wherever the congress is held. In 1914 he attended the session of this body in London, England, the members going there on invitation of the Royal College of Surgeons. The same year Doctor Wheelock was made a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, an honor that is extended only to surgeons of high professional standing and who seek continually to improve in knowledge and skill in their profession, and who are pledged to the highest standard of conduct in the practice.

Doctor Wheelock is now (1916) erecting a well-appointed and up-to-date hospital at Goodrich, where he can provide better facilities for operating on and caring for patients. It will be a general hospital, to which any reputable physician may bring his patients, and will accommodate twenty-four patients at one time.

In 1909 Doctor Wheelock was made a director of the Bank of Goodrich, at the time of its organization, and he is still a director as well as president of the institution, which latter position he has held from the first. Its rapid growth and pronounced success has been due very largely to his efforts and his influence.

In 1887, Doctor Wheelock was married to Etta F. Baker, who was born on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, from which she came to Michigan when young, with her mother, settling at Saline. Her father, Hiram Baker, was a captain on a coasting vessel and was lost in a storm at sea during the Civil War, after which his widow, who was Sarah Hall before her marriage, removed to Saline, Michigan, where she married Chauncey Fosdick and there spent the rest of her life. Mrs. Wheelock grew to womanhood at Saline and was educated in the common schools and at the Normal School at Ypsilanti, from which latter institution she was graduated in 1884, after which she taught one year at Sand Beach, one year in the Goodrich high school, and was a member of the board of county school examiners for Genesee county for two years.

Three children have been born to Doctor and Mrs. Wheelock, namely:

Ruth, who was graduated from the University of Michigan, with the degree of Master of Arts, and is now teaching mathematics in the East Side high school at Saginaw; Ruby, who was graduated from the Ann Arbor high school and later studied at the Ypsilanti Normal, married Stewart Cheney, of Grand Blanc, and has one son, Grant, and Rhea, who died in 1902, when sixteen months of age. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Cheney was in training as a professional nurse at Harper Hospital in Detroit, where she had spent one year.

Doctor Wheelock is a member of the Masonic order. Politically, he is "Independent." He is one of the influential men of his locality, is well informed on all subjects of current importance, cultured and progressive, and enjoys an enviable reputation as a physician and surgeon.

ALFRED FAIRCHILD.

Alfred Fairchild, one of the most enterprising and energetic merchants of the village of Davison, this county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Flint township, November 6, 1876, son of Richard and Susan (Branton) Fairchild, natives of England, born in Devonshire, who came to the United States about the year 1874 and proceeded directly to Michigan, locating for a time at Flint and moving thence to the farm in the vicinity of Flushing, this county, where they are still living, having made their home there ever since.

It was on the home farm in the vicinity of Flushing that Alfred Fairchild grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the neighboring school, supplementing the same by a course in the Flint Business College, after which he was engaged as a clerk in Hubbard's hardware store at Flint, remaining there for more than six years. He then, in 1904, formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Menno F. Downer, who also had had a long experience in the hardware business, and bought the store at Davison, which he and his partner ever since have been very successfully conducting. In addition to a general line of hardware, agricultural implements and general farm supplies, the firm also deals in paints and oils and in 1915 opened a five- and ten-cent store in a room adjoining their old established store and have made a success also of this latter enterprise. Mr. Fairchild takes an active interest in the general civic affairs of his home town and for the past two years has been serving as treasurer of Davison township and of

the village of Davison. He is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

In 1915 Alfred Fairchild was united in marriage to Edith M. Rice, who was born in Richfield township, this county, daughter of Charles E. and Molly Rice, who came to this county from Ohio and farmed in Richfield township until about 1912, when they moved to the village of Davison, where they now reside.

PERRY WILDER GALE.

Perry Wilder Gale, of the firm of Gale Brothers, tile manufacturers at Atlas, this county, justice of the peace in and for Atlas township, former supervisor of that township, for many years director of schools at Atlas and from the days of his boyhood actively identified with the work of promoting the best interests of that part of the county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on the old Gale homestead at the edge of the village of Atlas, July 5, 1859, son of Adrian and Helen (Wilder) Gale, prominent residents of that community, further details regarding whose history and the genealogy of the Gale family, together with a history of Dr. Elbridge G. Gale, father of Adrian Gale, are set out elsewhere in this volume.

Perry W. Gale grew up on the old home farm at the south edge of Atlas, receiving his schooling in the Atlas schools, and remained at home until his marriage when twenty-five years old. In 1882 he and his brother, Fred Gale, started a tile factory on the home farm, a splendid deposit of clay having been uncovered there, and for five or six years the brothers continued operating the factory in partnership. Then Perry W. Gale bought his brother's interest in the plant and operated it alone until the spring of 1910, when Fred Gale again became a partner and this mutually agreeable arrangement still continues, the brothers continuing to manufacture a fine grade of drain tile from the clay deposits on the old Gale homestead farm. In addition to his extensive manufacturing interests, Mr. Gale is also the owner of a fine farm in the vicinity of Atlas, to which he devotes considerable attention, and has long been regarded as one of the most substantial citizens of that part of the county. Mr. Gale is a Republican and for years has given close and thoughtful attention to local civic affairs. For eighteen

or twenty years he served as justice of the peace in and for Atlas township and is now serving in that official capacity, filling the unexpired term of the recent incumbent. For four years Mr. Gale was supervisor of Atlas township and for eighteen years was director of the schools at Atlas, during which period he employed but three teachers, securing good teachers who would stay "on the job." He is an active member of Davison Lodge No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons, having been made a Mason at the age of twenty-one years, and for two years was master of the lodge.

It was on October 20, 1884, that Perry W. Gale was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah (Carpenter) Warner, who was born in Genesee township, this county, daughter of Sylaman and Jane (Palmer) Carpenter, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Canada, who were married in Ohio and came to Genesee county before the Civil War and settled in section 23, Genesee township. Sylaman Carpenter died when his daughter, Sarah, was fifteen years old and his widow is still living, now making her home at Flint, at the age of eighty-five years. Sarah Carpenter grew to womanhood on the home farm in Genesee township and married Dr. Eugene Warner, who was reared on a farm on the river road between Flint and Flushing and who, upon becoming a physician, located at Milford, where he was engaged in practice until his death about 1880. In 1913 Mr. Gale erected a beautiful brick bungalow house at Atlas, where he and his wife are very pleasantly and comfortably situated. They have for years taken an earnest interest in the various social and cultural activities of their home community and have long been regarded as among the leaders in all movements having to do with the promotion of the best interests of that part of the county.

MENNO F. DOWNER.

Menno F. Downer, one of the most enterprising and energetic merchants of the village of Davison, this county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the city of Flint, January 31, 1868, son of Francis and Barbara (Hough) Downer, the former a native of England and the latter of Canada, both of whom spent their last days in Flint.

Francis Downer was born at Barnstable, England, and as a young man emigrated to Canada, locating near Bemisville, in the vicinity of St. Catharines, Ontario, where he married Barbara Hough, who was born in that

province. Not long afterward they came to Michigan and settled at Flint, where Francis Downer died in 1868, seven months after the birth of his son, the subject of this sketch. His widow married Jacob Raab, a cabinet maker, of Flint, and continued to make that city her home the rest of her life, both she and her husband dying about 1904.

Upon completing the course in the city schools at Flint, Menno F. Downer took a course in the Devlin Business College at Jackson and then became a bookkeeper for George W. Hubbard and was thus employed for nine years, at the end of which time he became a clerk in the store of Algeo & Miller at Flint and was thus engaged for three years. In the meantime, in 1896, he had married and in 1904 he and his brother-in-law, Alfred Fairchild went to Davison, where they bought an established business in the hardware and agricultural implement line and have ever since been conducting that store, dealing also in paints, oils, harness and various farm supplies. In 1915 they extended their business by opening a five- and ten-cent store in a room adjoining their old established store and have since been conducting both places. Mr. Downer takes an active interest in the general civic affairs of his home community and has for the past six years or more been a member of the Davison school board. He is a member of the local lodge of the Masonic order and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

It was in 1896 that Menno F. Downer was united in marriage to Anna Fairchild, who was born in Devonshire, England, daughter of Richard and Susan (Branton) Fairchild, who came to Michigan about the year 1874 and settled on a farm near the village of Flushing, this county, where they still are living. To Mr. and Mrs. Downer two children have been born, daughters both, Louise M. and Christina F.

CLARENCE E. LEACH.

Clarence E. Leach, a well-known and well-to-do retired farmer and merchant of Atlas, this county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here practically all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Atlas township, November 10, 1872, son of George and Anna (Blackmore) Leach, well-known and substantial residents of that community, members of pioneer families, a good record of whom, together with the family genealogy going back to England, is set out in a biographical sketch relating to William J.

Leach, of Davison, brother of the subject of this sketch, presented elsewhere in this volume.

Clarence E. Leach grew to manhood on the home farm in Atlas township, receiving his elementary schooling in the neighboring schools, supplementing the same by a course in the normal school at Flint, and remained at home until his marriage in 1893. The following spring he bought a farm of sixty acres on the line between Atlas and Davison townships, about one-half mile west of his old home, and there established his home, remaining there until the fall of 1907, when he rented the farm for a year and took a trip West. Upon his return he bought a store in the village of Atlas and conducted the same until he sold it in the fall of 1915. He and his wife have a very comfortable home, besides other property in the village, and continue to make that place their home. Both are members of the Knights of the Maccabees and take an active interest in the affairs of that organization.

It was in 1893 that Clarence E. Leach was united in marriage to Frances H. Campbell, who was born in Davison township, this county, daughter of John and Fidelia (Johnson) Campbell, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Michigan. John Campbell was born at Stockbridge, New York, April 4, 1840, son of John and Barbara (Russell) Campbell. His mother died when he was ten years old and his father came to Michigan with his five sons and located in Groveland township, in the neighboring county of Oakland, later moving over into Genesee county, where he bought the Fisk farm in Davison township and established his home. In a biographical sketch relating to George M. Campbell, brother of the junior John Campbell, presented elsewhere in this volume, there is set out a further history of the Campbell family in this county. John Campbell did not accompany his father when the latter moved to Genesee county, but at the age of seventeen went to Peoria, Illinois, where he was engaged in bridge work for five years, at the end of which time he rejoined his father in this county. Two years later, in 1863, he married Fidelia Johnson, who was born at Groveland, in Oakland county, this state, a daughter of Daniel F. and Amanda (Husted) Johnson, who came to this then Territory of Michigan from Genesee county, New York, in 1834, and homesteaded a tract of land in Oakland county. After John Campbell's marriage he lived on the farm with his father for awhile and then bought a farm in the southern part of Davison township, where he became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres and where he lived for nearly fifty years, or until the winter of 1910-11, when he moved into the village of Atlas, where he died on

March 13, 1914, and where his widow is still living. John Campbell for years was prominent in the civic affairs of this county, for twelve years was supervisor of Davison township and for four years immediately following that public service was treasurer of the county. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Leach was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Alexander D., born in 1865, who died in 1901; Emma, who married John Gavitt and lives at Hammond, Indiana; John E., who lives in Flint, this county; Mary A., wife of Duane Tyler, a farmer, living near Atlas, and Julia A., wife of Forrest E. Barnhart, of Flint.

WILLIAM P. GOODRICH.

William P. Goodrich, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Atlas township, this county, proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres west of the village of Goodrich and for many years actively identified with all proper movements for the advancement of the interests of the community in which he lives, was born on the farm on which he now lives and has lived there all his life. He was born on May 22, 1844, son of Levi W. and Olive (Payne) Goodrich, prominent and influential members of that community, whose last days were spent on the farm on which their son, the subject of this sketch now lives.

Levi W. Goodrich was one of the sons of Levi H. Goodrich, head of the family of that name which exerted so large and so useful an influence upon the Atlas township community in the early days of that now well-established and prosperous farming region; a name inseparably linked with all the social, commercial and political history of the township of Atlas since territorial days. It was in September, 1835, that two of the Goodrich brothers, Moses and Enos Goodrich, sons of Levi W. Goodrich, came from the town of Clarence, in Erie county, New York, to the then Territory of Michigan and bought from the government more than one thousand acres of "Congress land" in the central sections of Atlas township, this county. They erected a small log house on section 20 of their purchase and then returned to Clarence, returning thence, in February, 1836. Their mother, their brothers, Reuben, Levi W., John S., and other members of the family came in the following May to the cabin home in the wilderness and it was there that the Goodrich home was established, a home that has been maintained, in unbroken descent, to this day. The father, Levi H. Goodrich,

who was a native of Hampshire county, Massachusetts, joined his family here in the fall of that year, his journey to the new home in the wilderness having been delayed by reason of his official duties as supervisor of the town of Clarence, it having been necessary for him to remain there until the fall meeting, 1836, of the board of supervisors of Erie county.

From the time of their settlement in Genesee county the Goodriches became recognized as among the most potent factors in the vast work of developing the incalculable riches of this region. They established and operated mills, opened stores, founded the village which bears their name and opened for cultivation wide fields of the finest land found in this part of Michigan. In the fall of 1846 Enos Goodrich was elected to represent this district in the state Legislature and sat as a member of that body in the last session held at Detroit. During the struggle to move the capital to Lansing, he took an active and vigorous stand in behalf of his measure to establish the capital at his village of Goodrich and pressed that measure with such vigor that it came within one vote of being carried. In 1852 he was elected to the state Senate and after a long and eventful career in this county moved to Tuscola county, where he spent his last days. Reuben Goodrich, who was so long in business at Goodrich, spent his last days in Traverse City. John S. Goodrich became a successful lawyer, a member of the bar upon the establishment of the Genesee circuit court, and was taking a prominent and useful part in the early affairs of this county when death stopped his promising career. Aaron Goodrich moved from here to Tennessee and in the latter state achieved fame and distinction. Moses Goodrich "stuck to the farm" and for years was one of the most substantial and influential farmers in the southern part of this county, where his last days were spent.

Levi W. Goodrich was a young man when he came here with his family from New York state and he also stuck to the farm, becoming one of the most progressive agriculturists in that section, the owner of a half section of fine land west of the village of Goodrich, where he had a comfortable home and where he spent the rest of his life. He was a Democrat and ever took an active and influential part in local civic affairs, always foremost among the leaders in the work of creating proper conditions hereabout in the early days. Levi W. Goodrich was twice married. By his first wife, live Payne, who was born in the state of New York, daughter of William Payne and wife, he was the father of six children, Eliza, Joseph, William P., James, Sidney (who died in infancy) and Alice, now deceased. The mother of these children died in 1850 and Mr. Goodrich later married Mrs.

Sarah (Bates) McBride, a widow, and to that union one child was born, a daughter, Ada. Levi W. Goodrich died on March 9, 1871.

William P. Goodrich grew to manhood on the farm on which he was born and has always lived there, the owner of a quarter of a section of the old home farm, a tract which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and on which he has a very comfortable home, he and his family being very pleasantly situated. On December 25, 1870, he was united in marriage to Phebe Ford, who was born at Lock Berlin, New York, daughter of Ira and Eleanor (Swartz) Ford, who came to Michigan and settled at Grand Rapids at a time when there were but seven stores in that town. Ira Ford was a blacksmith and he built a log blacksmith shop near the present site of Sweet's Hotel in Grand Rapids, which he operated for some years, later moving to Berlin, ten miles west of that town, where he and his wife spent their last days. Phebe Ford became a school teacher and had taught school at Goodrich for five years before her marriage to Mr. Goodrich. To that union three children were born, Clinton, who died when sixteen months old; Myrtie, who is at home with her father, and Ford, who owns and is successfully operating a farm in section 32 of his home township. Ford Goodrich married Hattie Adell Titsworth, who was born on a farm about one mile north of Goodrich, daughter of George and Nettie Titsworth, and to this union two children have been born, Raymond and Bernetta. Mrs. Phebe Ford Goodrich died on April 25, 1912.

MARTIN C. STINE.

Martin C. Stine, a well-known and progressive farmer of the southern part of this county, who for some years past has been making his home in the pleasant village of Goodrich, where he and his wife are very comfortably situated, is a native of New York, born in Erie county, that state, December 29, 1856, but has been a resident of this state since he was four years old his parents, John and Caroline (Essig) Stine, having come to Michigan in 1860, their last days being spent on a farm in Atlas township, this county.

John Stine was a German, born in Bavaria, who grew up in his native land, where he was trained to the trade of a tailor. When a young man he came to the United States and settled in Erie county, New York, where he began work as a farmer and remained a farmer the rest of his life. In

Eric county he married Caroline Essig, who was born in Schwobeland, Germany, and who had come to America when eighteen or twenty years old to join her sister. In 1860 John Stine and his family came to Michigan, locating in Hadley township, Lapeer county, whence they moved a couple of years later to this county and settled on a farm in Atlas township, becoming substantial residents of that neighborhood. There John Stine died in 1878. His widow survived him ten years, her death occurring in 1888. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: John, now deceased; Edwin, of Hadley township; Mrs. Elizabeth Bowles, deceased; Mrs. Louisa Riley, deceased; William, deceased; Mrs. Sarah Warn, of Flint; Mrs. Mary Miller, of Lapeer county; Martin C., the subject of this sketch, and Mrs. Anna DeWitt, of Flint.

Martin C. Stine was but a child when his parents came to this county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Atlas township, where he lived until his marriage in 1883, when he began farming for himself on the old Jonathan Frost farm a mile and a half east of Goodrich, where he lived for six years, at the end of which time he returned to the old home farm and there lived until the spring of 1907, when he moved to the village of Goodrich, where he erected his present house and where he and his wife have since made their home. In addition to a farm of eighty acres in section 13 of Atlas township, Mr. Stine owns eleven acres surrounding his home at the edge of Goodrich. Both his farm and his home place are well improved and kept up in good shape.

It was in 1883 that Martin C. Stine was united in marriage to Mary Mellendorf, who was born in Grand Blanc township, this county, a daughter of John and Dora May (Klein) Mellendorf, both of whom were born in Mecklenburg, Germany, and who had come to this country on the same boat with a considerable party of young people, locating at Detroit, where they were married in 1857. In this party was Mrs. Mellendorf's younger brother, Christopher Klein. In the latter fifties John Mellendorf and his wife came from Detroit to Genesee county, settling in Grand Blanc township, where they made their home for fourteen years. In the meantime John Mellendorf had bought a farm near Millington and he then moved to that farm where both he and his wife died in 1908, Mrs. Mellendorf dying about six months before her husband. They were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom Mrs. Stine was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Emma, who married Charles Storms and lives at

Millington; Sarah, who married Valentine Crydeman and lived at Millington, where both she and her husband died; Charles, who lives at Alberta, Canada; Louisa, who married Jacob Hegel and lives on a farm west of Goodrich, in Atlas township, and Minnie, wife of Prince A. Richards, of Flint.

FRED W. McCANN.

Fred W. McCann, a well-known manufacturer of drain tile and brick at Gaines, this county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm on the Baldwin road in Mundy township, June 21, 1870, son of William and Elizabeth (Glover) McCann, the former of whom was born in Marietta, Ohio, and the latter in Mundy township, this county, to whom six children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Jessie, wife of Solomon Kimball, of Jackson county, this state; Hugh, a resident of Detroit; Grace, deceased; Flora, wife of Earl Fish, of Holly, this state, and Eva, wife of Herbert Gilbert, of Detroit. The mother of these children died in 1887 and the father is now living in Detroit.

Upon completing the course in the common schools of his home township, Fred W. McCann took a course in the Flint Normal School and then began teaching school, continuing to teach in the schools of this county for thirteen years. He is also a graduate of the Columbian Correspondence College of Law, Washington, D. C. In 1903 he bought a half interest in the tile and brick works at Gaines and afterward acquired his present fine farm of eighty acres on the eastern edge of the village of Gaines and established his home there. He has ever since been successfully engaged in the manufacture of a high grade of tile and brick and has created a wide market for his products. He also for years has taken an active interest in local civic affairs; has served the public as president of the village, as trustee, as justice of the peace, and is now the secretary of the local school board. Mr. McCann is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, affiliated with the commandery at Fenton, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

It was in April, 1895, that Fred W. McCann was united in marriage to Minnie Coon, of Long Lake, this county, who was born there, educated in the schools of Fenton, became a school teacher and was engaged in teaching at the time of her marriage to Mr. McCann. To this union there has been born one son, Hugh A. McCann, born on July 27, 1896, who was

graduated from the Fenton high school and is now a student in the Detroit College of Law. The McCanns have a very pleasant home at Gaines and take an earnest interest in the general social activities of their home town and the community at large, helpful in the work of promoting all good causes thereabout.

PHILIP SMITH.

Philip Smith, of Argentine township, Genesee county, is making a success as a general farmer and stock raiser, employing such of the progressive methods of agriculture as are consistent with this locality and climate, and his well-cultivated land and comfortable home would indicate to the observer that his efforts have been well rewarded. He was born in Oswego county, New York, May 5, 1851, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Robinson) Smith. The father was born in Belfast, Ireland, and remained in his native land until the age of twenty-three, working on a farm when he became old enough. He then set sail for America and located at once in Oswego county, New York, where he met and married Margaret Robinson, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, but was of Scotch descent. There she spent her girlhood and came with her sister to America, after both had reached young womanhood. They located in Oswego county, New York, and there she met and married Samuel Smith and they located on a farm in that county. In the fall of 1851, when Philip was an infant, they removed to Davison, Genesee county, Michigan, but in the spring of 1852 located in Grand Blanc township, where they lived on a farm for two years. In 1854 the father bought eighty acres in Argentine township, on which he lived until his death, July 21, 1895. He was a successful farmer and became owner of a good farm of two hundred acres, having added to his original eighty. His widow survived until July 11, 1911. They were parents of nine children, all living at this writing but one, namely: Mary M., wife of William Jones, of Tuscola county, Michigan; Philip, of this sketch; Jane is the wife of John West, of Clayton township; Catherine, now deceased, was the wife of William M. Ellison; James lives on the old home place; Archie lives in the state of Washington; S. Edward lives in Argentine township; Eliza is the widow of William L. Smith, of Argentine township; Albert lives in Argentine township.

Philip Smith grew up on the home farm and was educated in the district schools. He lived at home until his marriage, March 6, 1901, to Carrie



Philip Smith
Maggie Jane Smith

E. Wilds, a daughter of Stephen and Harriet Wilds. She was born in Argentine township, this county, where she was reared and received a good education. She taught school for about thirteen years. Her death occurred on February 3, 1902. On November 16, 1914, Mr. Smith married, for his second wife, Maggie J. Kirkdale, a daughter of William and Mary Kirkdale. Mrs. Smith was born in Wigtownshire, Scotland, from which country she came to America when nineteen years old, to reside with relatives in Genesee county, Michigan.

Politically, Mr. Smith is a Democrat. He served a term as highway commissioner, then as justice of the peace for four years, and in 1895 and 1896 as township treasurer, discharging his duties as a public servant in an able and praiseworthy manner. Fraternally, he belongs to Linden Lodge No. 276, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a charter member of the same. He also belongs to the grand lodge and has served twice as noble grand of the lodge at Linden. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church.

JERRY F. YORK.

Jerry F. York, a well-known and progressive farmer of Atlas township, this county, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in section 36 of that township, south of the village of Goodrich, March 28, 1855, son of John H. and Anna (Crothers) York, both of whom were born in Erie county, New York, who came to Michigan in 1850 and settled in this county, where they spent their last days.

John H. York was born in 1823, son of Jeremiah and Rhoda (Sweers) York, the former of whom was a soldier in the War of 1812 and a person of prominence in his home community, a well-to-do farmer, who at one time and another held various local public offices. John H. York grew up to the life of the farm and in 1847 married Anna Crothers, who was born in 1825, daughter of John and Mary (Wycoff) Crothers, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of the state of New York. In the fall of 1850 he came with his family to this state and settled on a farm of forty acres in the north half of section 36 of Atlas township, this county, and there established his home. He later added to his farm until he became the owner of one hundred acres and was accounted one of the substantial farmers of that neighborhood. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members

of the Methodist Protestant church, in which he was a class leader and in which his wife served as a steward. He died on November 12, 1898, and his widow survived until February, 1904. They were the parents of seven children, of whom three are deceased, one who died in infancy, one who died when two years old and Marium, who married Henry Frick and died in 1912. The survivors are Mrs. Ella Dillenbeck, of Atlas township; Mrs. Matilda Watkins, of Goodrich; Jerry F., the subject of this sketch, and James L., who is living on the old home.

Jerry F. York remained on the old home farm until his marriage in December, 1877, after which he began farming for himself. For two years he continued farming on the old home place and then moved to the village of Goodrich, where he made his home for sixteen years, a part of which time he was engaged in the harness business. In January, 1896, he bought a farm of sixty acres in section 10 of his home township and ever since has made his home there, doing well at his farming operations and becoming quite well circumstanced. Since moving there he has bought more land adjoining and now has a well-kept farm of one hundred and twelve acres. He and his wife are members of the Maccabees and he is a member of the Masonic lodge at Ortonville.

Mr. York has been twice married. It was on December 23, 1877, that he was united in marriage to Rachel Ann Baxter, who also was born in Atlas township, daughter of Eli and Rachel Ann (Cummings) Baxter, both members of old families in this county, having come here with their respective parents in the days of their youth and growing up amidst pioneer conditions of living. Eli Baxter, who lost his life while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, was a son of Edward and Mary (Herrick) Baxter. Mrs. Rachel A. York died on May 26, 1880, leaving one child, a daughter, Leno, who married Robert Goodfellow, now living at Castle Rock, Washington, and has four children, Lee, Warren, Loretta and Lola Lillian. On April 22, 1896, Mr. York married, secondly, Eva Cummings, who also was born in Atlas township, daughter of Edward and Susan (Dalby) Cummings, the former a native of this county and the latter of Erie county, New York, who are still living on the old Cummings homestead north of Atlas, for many years honored and useful residents of that community. Mr. and Mrs. York are rearing a lad, Clarence Streater, whose care they assumed in June, 1906, when he was six years old. Jerry F. York is a Republican and has been treasurer for twelve years of school district No. 10, Atlas township, and is serving his third term as justice of the peace.

Edward Cummings, father of Mrs. York, is an honored veteran of the

Civil War and for many years one of the most influential residents of his part of Genesee county. He was born on a farm in section 3 of Atlas township, January 22, 1844, son of Lewis and Elsie (Cummings) Cummings, both natives of Erie county, New York. Lewis Cummings was born in 1814, son of Stephen Cummings and wife, the former of whom was a soldier in the War of 1812, and grew to manhood on a farm in his native county. There he married Elsie Cummings and in 1836 came to the then Territory of Michigan with his wife and two children, Rachel and Orlando, and settled on a tract of four hundred acres in section 3 of Atlas township, this county, which he had picked out on a previous trip to this part of the country, and there he and his family established their home in a little log house, being among the very earliest of the settlers of that part of Genesee county. Lewis Cummings was a good farmer and a man of excellent judgment and prospered in his affairs, until he presently came to be regarded as the wealthiest man in Atlas township, the owner of six hundred and forty acres of fine land and ever interested in movements having to do with the advancement of the community of which he was from the very first one of the leading factors. He was for many years a member of the Congregational church at Goodrich and was ever foremost in local good works, so that at the time of his death on October 1, 1883, he was widely missed in that community. Lewis Cummings was thrice married, his first wife, Elsie, having died in 1851, leaving seven children, four sons and three daughters, Orlando, Oscar, Stephen, Edward, Rachel, Loretta and Elsie.

When the Civil War broke out Edward Cummings was still in his teens, but he enlisted for service in the Union army and served until the close of the war as a member of Company I, Thirtieth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of his military service he resumed his place on the old homestead farm in Atlas township and has lived there ever since, the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of his father's considerable estate. On April 19, 1866, he was united in marriage to Susan Dalby, who was born about twelve miles from the city of Buffalo, in Erie county, New York, in 1839, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah C. (Paxton) Dalby, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New York state, who came to Michigan with their family in 1855 and located about twelve miles south of Pontiac, whence they moved to Goodrich, in this county, where Benjamin Dalby conducted a blacksmith shop the rest of his life, his death occurring about 1871 and that of his widow in the spring of 1888. On April 19, 1916, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and were the recipients of heartfelt congratulations on the part

of their hosts of friends in this county. During her earlier years Mrs. Cummings was a school teacher in this county, having taught sixteen or seventeen terms of public and private, or "select" school, and among the hosts of youngsters who learned their letters under her careful tutelage was the editor of this history, who has never ceased to entertain the highest regard for his old teacher.

NATHAN A. SEELYE.

Nathan A. Seelye, a well-known and substantial farmer of Atlas township, this county, and the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the northeastern part of that township, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here practically all his life. He was born on a farm in Davison township, July 17, 1851, son of Abel and Eliza (Townsend) Seelye, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Vermont, who had come to this county in the days of their youth and who spent the rest of their lives here.

Abel Seelye was born in Saratoga county, New York, April 1, 1819, son of Abel and Abigail (Seeley) Seelye, who came to Michigan in territorial days and became substantial pioneer residents of Genesee county. The senior Abel Seelye was born near Bridgeport, Connecticut, a son of Nathan and Deborah (Gregory) Seelye, both members of old New England families, the first of the Seelyes in this country having come from England more than two hundred and fifty years ago. Among the children of the senior Abel Seelye were two sons, Abner and Alson, who came to the Territory of Michigan in September, 1835, and built a cabin on a tract they had secured from the government in the north half of section 33 of Davison township, this county. In the spring of 1836 Alson Seelye went back to New York and in April of that year drove through from eastern New York to the lake, accompanied by his sister, Deborah, proceeding thence by boat to Detroit and thence driving through to Pontiac and from there following the trail into the wilds of Genesee county until they reached the homestead cabin in Davison township, where they prepared for the coming of the rest of the family, the father and mother and Abel, Abner, James and Arsena, who joined them in the new home in the wilderness in August of that year. There the elder Abel Seelye and his wife spent the rest of their lives and their children continued to make their home in this county, with the exception of Abner, who moved to Cass county, this state.

The junior Abel Seelye was eighteen years old when he came to this county and he entered heartily into the general family task of preparing the forest homestead for cultivation. The second day after coming here he split his foot most severely while chopping in the woods and there being no doctor nearer than Pontiac, his sister, Debbie, acted as surgeon and skillfully sewed up the wound, undoubtedly thus preserving the foot. After his marriage in 1846 he and his wife started housekeeping on a farm he had bought in section 26 of Davison township, but presently traded that place for a farm of sixty acres in section 22 of that same township and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on November 14, 1892. His widow survived him about three years. During the early days Abel Seelye, Jr., held several township offices and was later highway commissioner. He was reared a Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party gave his allegiance to that party and was ever thereafter an earnest worker in the ranks of the party in this county.

It was in 1846 that Abel Seelye, Jr., was united in marriage to Eliza Townsend, of Davison township, who was born near Lake Champlain, in Vermont, daughter of Isaiah Townsend and wife, the latter of whom was an Abbott, who later moved to a farm near Batavia, New York, where the mother died. Afterward Eliza Townsend and two of her brothers came to Michigan, about 1840, and settled in Davison township, this county, where and in Richfield township Miss Townsend was engaged in teaching school until her marriage to Mr. Seelye. Some time later her father came out here and made his home with the Seelyes, where his last days were spent. He was born in Vermont, son of Thomas Townsend, who, with two of his brothers, was a soldier in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. To Abel and Eliza (Townsend) Seelye nine children were born, the first four of whom died in infancy or early childhood, Cecelia, Abigail and Adelbert dying within one week, victims of an epidemic which swept through that part of the county. The eldest of the survivors of this family is Nathan A., the subject of this sketch, the others in order of birth being Edgar J., of Detroit; Edith, wife of C. S. Moss, of Flint; Clarence, who died in infancy, and Aldruda, who died in March, 1893, at the age of thirty-three years.

Nathan A. Seelye lived on the paternal farm until he was twenty-two years of age, after which he began working on his own account and presently made his way into the lumber woods in the vicinity of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where he had relatives and where he married in 1874. In the fall of that same year he returned to Genesee county with his wife and the

next spring began farming on a rented farm in Davison township. The following spring he began working his father's farm and was thus engaged nearly all the time until in March, 1890, when he rented the John McNeil farm of one hundred and sixty acres, the northwest quarter of section 11 in Atlas township. In 1893 he bought that place and has ever since made his home there, becoming very well circumstanced. In addition to his general farming Mr. Seelye has given considerable attention to dairying during recent years and has a fine herd of Jerseys. He is a Prohibitionist in his political views, a member of the Grange and of the Gleaners and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Nathan A. Seelye has been twice married. It was on July 2, 1874, in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, that he was united in marriage to Adelaide E. Townsend, who was born in that county, daughter of Hiram and Eliza (Baldwin) Townsend, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York state, born near Batavia, and to that union eight children were born, namely: Elrick A., of Lansing, this state, who married Bessie Rouser and has three children, Harold, Ralph and Robert, the former of whom had a twin brother, who died in infancy; Laverne E., of Hopkins, this state, who married Martha Bullock, of Lapeer county, and has three children, Edna, Nellie and Dillman; May, who married William R. Nutter, of Lansing, and has one child, a daughter, Thelma; Abel, of Elba township, Lapeer county, who married Emma Nutter, a sister of William R., and has two children, George and Albert; Edith Amanda, who died when about eight weeks old; Bela, who lives at Silver Lake, Oregon; Edgar J., who also lives at Silver Lake, and Nathan A., who married Eva Andrews, of Mt. Morris, this county, and is now farming with his father. Nathan A. Seelye, Jr., has but recently returned from the vicinity of Silver Lake, Oregon, where he and Bela and Edgar each have taken up three hundred and twenty acres of land, upon which they are basing high expectations. The mother of these children died in July, 1904, and on June 10, 1908, Mr. Seelye married Mrs. Margaret G. (Hartnell) Magee, of Detroit, widow of William Magee, a former well-known resident of this county.

Margaret G. Hartnell was born in Yarmouth, Canada, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Rock) Hartnell, natives of England, who emigrated to Canada and located at Yarmouth, later, when their daughter was about two years old, moving to a homestead farm in Osborne township, Ontario. There Margaret G. Hartnell grew to womanhood and married William Magee, who was born on a pioneer farm in that same vicinity and who was an expert carriage- and wagon-maker. For three years after their marriage

they lived at Whalens Corners, not far from their old homes, and then moved to Elandville, in that same township, moving thence to London, Ontario, where William Magee followed his trade until the fall of 1882, when he came to Michigan with his family and located at Davison, this county. In the spring of 1890 he moved onto a farm in Richfield township and two years later moved to Juniata, in Tuscola county, and continued farming there until 1898, when he moved to Flint, where he worked at his trade for about two years, at the end of which time he moved to Pontiac, where he engaged in mercantile business. Two years later he moved with his family to Shoal Lake, Manitoba, where he and the family engaged in the mercantile and restaurant business, but two years later returned to Michigan and located at Detroit, where Mr. Magee died on October 31, 1906, and where his widow was living when she married Mr. Seelye.

To William and Margaret G. (Hartnell) Magee six children were born, as follow: John Wesley, who died when six months old; Eva Jane, who married George Tweed, who died in May, 1912, leaving two children, May and Clyde, his widow later marrying William Foster, of Watertown, this state; Charles Ross Magee, of Racine, Wisconsin, who married Clara Moss and after her death married Jeannette Granish and has two children, Alice and Lucy Margaret; George T. Magee, of Detroit, who married Flora McKenzie and has five children, Grace, George, Beatrice and Bernice (twins) and Harry Elmer; Edgar J. Magee, unmarried, and Elsie, who married Elmer Schuknecht, of Detroit.

STEPHEN D. McCANDLISH.

Stephen D. McCandlish, a well-known and substantial farmer of Atlas township, this county, proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres in section 19 of that township, where he has a beautiful home, a modern house and well-kept grounds, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm adjoining that on which he now lives, in the western part of Atlas township, October 6, 1862, son of John and Margaret (Stevens) McCandlish, prominent residents and pioneers of that part of the county, further particulars regarding whose history and genealogy are set out elsewhere in this volume.

Reared on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the district school in that neighborhood, Stephen D. McCandlish has continued to make his

home in the vicinity of his boyhood home and has been a farmer all his life. When he was seventeen years old he and his three brothers began farming in partnership and continued that arrangement for fourteen years. After the marriage of his elder brother, John E. McCandlish, Stephen D. McCandlish made his home with that brother until his own marriage in 1891, after which he established his home and began farming alone on the farm on which he now lives and where he ever since has made his home. On his home tract there in section 19 Mr. McCandlish has eighty acres. In 1913 he bought a tract of one hundred acres east of there and separated from the same by the old McCandlish homestead tract and has since been farming, with the assistance of his son and his son-in-law, both farms and has done very well. Mr. McCandlish has a fine brick residence, well-kept farm buildings, concrete walks about his place and other improvements in keeping, the farm being regarded as one of the model places thereabout.

It was on January 1, 1891, that Stephen D. McCandlish was united in marriage to Emma E. Rockafellow, who was born at Atlas, this county, daughter of Robert Thatcher and Amanda (Hull) Rockafellow, both natives of New York state, but counted among the earliest residents of this county, having come here in early childhood with their respective parents, back in territorial days. Robert Thatcher Rockafellow was born at Mt. Morris, New York, January 19, 1836, and was but six months old when his parents, Elias and Catherine (Thatcher) Rockafellow, came to Michigan and settled in this county, thus having been among the county's earliest residents, as they were among its most useful and influential pioneers. The Rockafellow family in this country traces descent back through Germany to France, centuries ago. Elsewhere in this volume, in a biographical sketch relating to Emrie Rockafellow, a grandson of Elias Rockafellow, there is set out in some detail something of the history and genealogy of that pioneer. Robert T. Rockafellow grew to manhood in this county and became one of its best-known carpenters and millwrights. On July 4, 1861, he married Amanda Hull, who was born at Plymouth, New York, July 13, 1834, daughter of Noah and Alta (Booth) Hull, who came to Michigan in 1836, arriving at Flint in September of that year. At that time Flint was a hamlet of but six houses and Noah Hull, who was a carpenter and builder, at once entered into the growing activities of the even then promising outpost in the woods and became one of the county's most vigorous pioneer personalities. In the spring of 1837 he established a saw-mill at the point where the Irish road crosses Flint river, in Richfield township, and operated the same until the fall of 1846, in the meantime continuing his activities as a builder, and then

moved down into Atlas township and became one of the first settlers in the village of Goodrich, many of the early houses in which village were constructed by him. He built the first church in Goodrich and the first church at Atlas. About 1853 he moved to the latter place and many of the early houses in that village were erected by him. There he continued to make his home the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1867. His wife had preceded him to the grave nearly twenty years, her death having occurred in the fall of 1845, less than ten years after she came to this county. For a time Robert T. Rockafellow lived in Davison township, but most of his life was spent in Atlas, where he died on March 16, 1913. His wife had preceded him to the grave many years, her death having occurred on January 10, 1896. They were the parents of two children, Mrs. McCandlish having a brother, Frank Rockafellow, a well-known resident of Atlas. To Mr. and Mrs. McCandlish two children have been born, Frank A., born on April 6, 1894, who married Mabel Cheney and has one child, a daughter, Margaret, and Grace, born on September 1, 1896, who married Eldon Upper, a member of one of the old pioneer families of Richfield township. Both Frank McCandlish and Eldon Upper are living on the McCandlish place, the former having charge of the east tract of one hundred acres, and are progressive and energetic young farmers.

CHARLES E. SUTTON.

Charles E. Sutton, president of the Lennon Commercial Bank and one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Clayton township, this county, proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred and ten acres on rural route No. 2, out of Lennon, his home being situated two and one-half miles north and two miles east of that village, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Royal Oak in the neighboring county of Oakland, November 18, 1866, son of Benjamin and Penelope (Gibson) Sutton, both natives of England, who were married in their native land and in 1851 came to the United States, proceeding at once to Michigan, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Upon coming to this state with his family Benjamin Sutton located at Detroit, where and in the vicinity of which city he lived for awhile, later moving to Royal Oak, where he made his home for some time and then moved over into Shiawassee county, where he lived for seven years, at the

end of which time, in 1881, he bought a farm of forty acres in Clayton township, this county, and there established his home, improving and developing the farm and becoming one of the valued members of that community. They moved to Lennon, where he died and his widow later returned to the home farm which was occupied by the youngest son, where she died. Benjamin Sutton and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eleven of these children, nine of whom grew to maturity and seven of whom are still living, namely: John, who lives at Judds Corners; George, of Pontiac; Mary, widow of George Weller, of Corunna; Sarah, wife of S. W. Howes, living near Lennon; Frank, of North Dakota; Charles E., the subject of this biographical sketch, and Fred, who lives at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Charles E. Sutton was about fifteen years old when his parents located in Genesee county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Clayton township, completing his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and proving a valuable aid to his father in the work of developing and improving the home place. At the time of his marriage in 1890 he bought forty acres of the old Smith Lyons farm in Clayton township and there established his home and has continued to reside there ever since, he and his family being very pleasantly and very comfortably situated. As he prospered in his farming operations, Mr. Sutton added to his land holdings until now he is the owner of a well-kept and highly improved farm of two hundred and ten acres. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Sutton has for years given much attention to the raising of high-grade cattle and sheep and ships in carload lots. He also has given proper attention to the general business enterprises of his home community and in 1913 was elected president of the Lennon Commercial Bank at Lennon and is now serving in that capacity. That bank formerly was operated by Bert Jenny as a private bank, but after he had operated it about three years it became so deeply involved that it was necessary to close it. The company of which Mr. Sutton is the head then took over the bank, paid its obligations dollar for dollar and reorganized the concern as the Lennon Commercial Bank, with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars and has since done a good business, the bank being now recognized as one of the most substantial and flourishing financial institutions hereabout, a valuable adjunct to the commercial life of the prosperous farming community which it serves. The present officers of the bank are as follow: President, Charles E. Sutton; vice-president, J. B. Moore; cashier, George Evans, and directors, Charles

E. Sutton, J. B. Moore, Ernest Dieck, Frank Moore, Herbert Collins and William Woolley.

It was on September 2, 1890, that Charles E. Sutton was united in marriage to Grace Pixley, who was born in the state of New York and who came to Michigan with her parents in the spring of 1877, the family settling in Genesee county, her schooling being completed in the school near her home. To this union two children have been born, Ralph P., born on September 16, 1891, who was graduated from the Flushing high school, attended college one year and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and Muriel, who was graduated from the Flint high school, attended college one year, married Frank W. Moore and lives in Clayton township. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an earnest interest in the various beneficences of the same, as well as in all neighborhood good works, helpful in the promotion of all movements having to do with the advancement of conditions in their home community.

NICHOLAS MURPHY, JR.

Nicholas Murphy, Jr., clerk of Mt. Morris township and one of the best-known and most progressive young farmers in that township, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in section 13 of Mt. Morris township, about three miles east of where he now lives, February 12, 1888, son of Nicholas and Mary Isabel (Hannan) Murphy, the former a native of Canada and the latter of the city of Flint, in this county.

The elder Nicholas Murphy, who is now living retired in the village of Mt. Morris, was born on January 31, 1855, and his father's name also was Nicholas. The latter was a native of Ireland. He married in the old country and he and his wife emigrated to Canada, some years later coming over the line into Michigan and settling at Ann Arbor, whence they came to Genesee county and settled on a farm in section 2 of Mt. Morris township, where Grandfather Murphy died at the age of fifty-one years. Grandmother Murphy lived many years after her husband's death, and died at the age of seventy-three years in the year 1889. Nicholas Murphy, Sr., was but a child when his parents came to this state from Canada and he received his first schooling at Ann Arbor, where his parents resided for two years after coming to this state. When they came to this county his schooling

was continued in the schools at Mt. Morris and he also assisted in the labors of developing the home farm. There were seven children in the family and he was the fourth son, the other members of the family being James (deceased), Thomas (deceased), Patrick, Bridget (deceased), Miles and Mary. Bridget Murphy married Frank Dolan.

Nicholas Murphy, Sr., early began farming for himself, buying land in Mt. Morris township. He married when about thirty years of age and then established his home on a farm of eighty acres in section thirteen of Mt. Morris township and lived there for about three years. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres in section 12 of Mt. Morris township and lived on the same about twenty years, at the end of which time he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to the village of Mt. Morris, where he is now living. Mr. Murphy did well in his farming operations and gradually added to his holdings until he became the owner of five hundred acres, in four farms, and has long been regarded as one of the most substantial citizens in that part of the county. In addition to his farm lands he owns six pieces of rental property in Mt. Morris and for some years has been a member of the village board. His wife died on September 24, 1905, she then being thirty-seven years of age. She was born in Flint, her parents also of Irish descent, but was reared in Mt. Morris township, she having been but a child when her parents moved onto a farm in section 12 of that township. She was a member of the Catholic church, as is her husband, and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being John D., James E., Charles Thomas, William (deceased), Mary Loretta, Miles Joseph, Ann Elizabeth and Francis Maurice (deceased).

Nicholas Murphy, Jr., received his elementary education in the district school in the neighborhood of his early home in Mt. Morris township, supplementing the same by a course in the high school at Mt. Morris, after which he entered Bliss Business College, from which he was graduated, having taken the commercial course. In 1910 he took over the farm on which he is now living, in section 12 of his home township and has ever since lived there, doing very well. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Murphy has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has been quite successful in that line. His farm is well improved, with modern and well-kept buildings, and he has adopted up-to-date methods in his farming processes. Mr. Murphy is a Democrat and takes a warm interest in local political affairs. In 1915 he was elected clerk of his home township and was re-elected in 1916 and is now serving his second term in that office. He

is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church at Mt. Morris and for the past six years has been secretary of the same, ever displaying a warm interest in parish affairs.

WESSON G. SPRAGUE.

Wesson G. Sprague, well-known and veteran druggist at Flushing, was born in Jefferson county, New York, March 2, 1883, a son of Benjamin F. Sprague, who was born in Malden, Massachusetts, January 16, 1809, son of John Sprague. Benjamin F. Sprague was educated in Massachusetts and went to New York state, where he engaged in farming, which was his life occupation. He died on January 26, 1862. He was a Republican in politics and in the agitation of the slavery question, prior to the Civil War, he took strong grounds in opposition to that institution and was identified with the Abolitionists. He was a member of and an active worker in the Methodist church and contributed liberally to every cause in which that church was interested. He was the father of seven children, of whom Wesson G., the subject of this sketch, is the only one now living. Those deceased were: Mrs. E. Hall, born on May 3, 1838, who died on May 3, 1909, and who lived in Flushing; Mrs. W. C. Wilcox, also of Flushing, born on June 28, 1845, who died on April 16, 1909; Mrs. Mary Kring, who died on January 6, 1873, in New York; George H., born on July 10, 1842, who enlisted as a soldier in the Thirty-fifth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and died on July 28, 1862, in Virginia, from fever contracted in army service, and two children, who died in infancy.

Benjamin F. Sprague was married to Rhoda A. Rulison, who was born in New York in 1813. She died on May 1, 1880. Her father was Herman Rulison, who was born on August 19, 1770, and who died on February 11, 1836. Her mother was Sallie (Jones) Rulison, born on June 3, 1780, who died on November 14, 1861. There were eight children born to these parents: Parker, born in 1798, who died in 1878; Mary P., born in 1801, who died in 1887; Nelson J., born in 1802, who died in 1876; Cornelius, born in 1804, who died in 1835; Charles, born in 1806, who died in 1850; Rhoda, mother of the subject of this sketch; Minerva, born in 1814, who died in 1894, and Hiram M., born in 1822, who died in 1901.

Wesson G. Sprague was reared and educated in New York and came to Michigan at the age of twenty-one years, presently locating at Flushing, which has since been his home. He attended the Keokuk, Iowa, medical

school and was graduated from that institution in 1880. In November of that year he established a drug store in Flushing and is still engaged in that business, having the distinction of being the oldest active merchant in Flushing.

On April 4, 1883, Wesson G. Sprague and Aristeen Briggs were united in marriage. Mrs. Sprague was born on February 23, 1856, the daughter of Jackson Briggs, who was born in New York, October 12, 1833. His occupation was that of brick mason, and he followed that vocation for the greater part of his life. He died on July 5, 1912. The maiden name of Mrs. Sprague's mother was Mary E. Spalsbury. She was born on August 18, 1832, and is still living in New York. She was the mother of two children: Mina, born in New York, August 16, 1869, now living in New York, and Aristeen, who married Mr. Sprague. The parents of Mrs. Sprague were both members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her father was a Republican and held a few minor township offices.

Wesson G. Sprague is independent in politics. He has served as township clerk and treasurer, and as school supervisor. He is a member of the Masonic order and is an official in the local lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Sprague two children have been born, Ross E., born on July 30, 1885, who was graduated from the Orchard Lake Military Academy (now extinct) and is now employed in his father's drug store in Flushing, and Mrs. Nellie M. Moore, born on March 30, 1889, whose husband is a general farmer in Flushing township.

ROBERT H. WOLCOTT.

Robert H. Wolcott, one of the best-known and most progressive young farmers of Mt. Morris township, this county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the city of Flint on January 29, 1884, son of Hiram and Martha M. (Patrick) Wolcott, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Michigan, born in Flint, a member of one of the first families that settled at that place, both of whom spent their last days on the farm in Mt. Morris township, where their only surviving son is now living.

Hiram Wolcott was born at Shelby, New York, January 18, 1837, and was but a child when his parents came to Michigan and settled at Flint, thus having been pioneers in that even then flourishing village. There Hiram Wolcott grew to manhood and became an expert in the lumber business, for

years being superintendent of the Crapo mills at Flint. There he married Martha M. Patrick, who was born in Flint on February 26, 1846, daughter of Robert Patrick and wife, who were among the earliest settlers in Flint, their eldest daughter, Sarah Anna Patrick, born in 1836 and who died on December 5, 1912, having been the first white child born in Flint. In 1885, five or six years after his marriage, Hiram Wolcott gave up the lumber business and bought a farm of eighty acres in section 22 of Mt. Morris township, established his home there and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on June 14, 1896, he then being fifty-nine years of age. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a Republican and a strong party man. His widow survived him for nearly thirteen years, her death occurring on March 10, 1909, she then being sixty-two years of age. They were the parents of two children, sons both, Charles D., born on August 10, 1881, who died on January 22, 1882, and Robert H., the subject of this sketch.

Robert H. Wolcott was but fifteen months old when his parents moved to the farm in Mt. Morris township and there he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the district school at Mt. Morris. He was but twelve years old when his father died, but he quickly assumed a man's responsibility and early assumed the management of the home farm in behalf of his widowed mother. Upon the death of the latter he inherited the farm and has since then added to the same by the purchase of an adjoining "eighty," now being the proprietor of a well-kept and profitably operated farm of one hundred and sixty acres. His place is well improved and his operations are conducted in accordance with modern methods. Mr. Wolcott is a Republican and in 1913-14 served as township treasurer. He is a Mason, a member of Flint Lodge No. 23, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

On July 26, 1906, Robert H. Wolcott was united in marriage to Mabel C. Fleming, who was born in Mt. Morris township, this county, August 18, 1887, daughter of Elmer and Cora F. (Utley) Fleming, both natives of this county, the former of whom has for years been a well-known mail carrier at Flint. Elmer Fleming was born on a farm in Mt. Morris township, January 5, 1863, and grew to manhood there. He married Cora F. Utley, of Flint township, born on June 27, 1864, and made his home on the farm in Mt. Morris township until 1899, when he sold the farm and moved to Flint, where he since has made his home and where he has been employed as a mail carrier since 1902. Mr. Fleming is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a Republican, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of the Maccabees. His wife died in Flint

on March 27, 1915. They were the parents of two children, daughters both, Mabel, who married Mr. Wolcott, and Caroline L., deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott five children have been born, namely: Francis Robert, born on July 9, 1907; Marchie Louise, April 5, 1909; Paul H., January 14, 1911; Kathleen Cora, October 9, 1912, and Virginia M., August 14, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a warm interest in the general beneficences of the same, as well as in all local good works.

PHILIP A. RAUBINGER.

One of the farmers of Mundy township, Genesee county, who not only knows how to make his land produce well, but how to find ready markets for his varied products, is Philip A. Raubinger. He was born in Flint, Michigan, October 6, 1868, and is a son of Charles and Mary (Lynch) Raubinger. The father was born in Baden, Germany, in 1837. He immigrated to the United States when eighteen years of age, spending a short time in Pennsylvania, then came on to Flint, Michigan, where he established his future home. During the Civil War he enlisted in Company A, Tenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war. He was in the First Brigade, Second Division, Fourteenth Army Corps, under General Sherman. He was always on duty and was a faithful and gallant soldier for his adopted country. He was afterward a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Flint. After he had been honorably discharged and mustered out he returned to Flint and, although he had learned the shoemaker's trade in the old country, he did not chose to follow it here and worked ten years in the lumber yards of Fox, Begole & Company. He was married on October 8, 1866, to Mary Lynch, who was born in County Cavan, Ireland, August 16, 1847. When she was four years old, her parents brought her to the United States, the family locating in Flint, Michigan, but later moved near Swartz Creek, this county, where the parents spent the rest of their lives. She grew to womanhood in Genesee county and attended school here. To Charles Raubinger and wife seven children were born, namely: Philip A., of this review; Charles L. lives in Flint; Fred M. is farming just cross the road from the subject of this sketch; Mary E. is single and lives at home; John F. is deceased; William H. is a traveling salesman; Edward J. is married and lives in Gaines township.

Philip A. Raubinger was reared in Genesee county and received a public



school education, including terms in the Flint schools. Since his father's death, in June 1912, he has had charge of the homestead, which he has successfully managed, carrying on general farming and stock raising. Although he handles all kinds of live stock, he makes more of a specialty of hogs, cattle and sheep, some of his excellent stock being registered. The home place, consisting of three hundred and ten acres, is well improved and productive. The family are Republicans and belong to the Catholic church.

MILO SWEERS.

Early in 1862, the Civil War then having been in progress long enough to demonstrate that the suppression of the rebellion of the Southern states was going to be a long, difficult job, three young men of Genesee county, Milo Sweers, Marvin Barney and Riley Kipp, enlisted for service in Company C, Tenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and on April 22 of that same year left Flint for the front. They enlisted on the same day, served throughout the war in the same company, mess-mates and tent-mates, often sleeping beneath the same blanket, came home together at the close of the war, settled down to the peaceful pursuits of a farming community, each marrying about two years later and fifty years later, accompanied by their respective wives, these three comrades revisited the scenes of some of the most hotly contested battles in which they had been engaged during the service. During all the bitter service in which they were engaged but one of the notable trio was ever hit by a bullet, and that was Riley Kipp, who was keeled over, but not seriously wounded, at the battle of Jonesboro. Of the brave company of eleven hundred men who left Flint on that April day in 1862, but ten or twelve are now living and it is to a brief record of the interesting life of one of these that the biographer here asks the attention of the reader.

Milo Sweers, deputy sheriff of Genesee county, was born in this county in the year in which Michigan was admitted to statehood and has spent his whole life in the county, with the exception of the four years spent in the Union army during the trying days of his country's need in the sixties. He was born on a pioneer farm in Atlas township, June 19, 1837, son of Manly and Lydia (Van Cleaf) Sweers, early settlers of Genesee county, who spent their last days here, both living to ripe old ages, and who were

the parents of twelve children, namely: Spencer, who is spending his declining years among his brothers and sisters; Rachel, who is the widow of Riley Van Tyne and who is now spending her declining years with her children; Milo, the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Josephine, who is the wife of Nelson Confer, of Maple Grove, Saginaw county, this state; Nelson, who died at Louisville, Kentucky, while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War; Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of John Brown; Louisa, now living at Ortonville, widow of George P. Eaton; Oscar, who is now making his home with a married daughter in Goodrich; Freeman, who lives at Davison, this county; Lewis, who is president of a bank at Ortonville; Mary, who married Corwin Skidmore and lives at Fenton, this county, and Daniel, who lives on a farm in Flushing township, this county.

Manly Sweers was the eldest of the three children born to his parents, Manly Sweers and wife, the others having been Daniel and Mrs. Cummings. The elder Manly Sweers and wife were natives of the state of Vermont, who became pioneers in Erie county, New York, and later came to Michigan Territory and were pioneers of Genesee county, where they spent the remainder of their lives and were buried on their home farm. The younger Manly Sweers married Lydia Van Cleaf, whose parents, also natives of Vermont, came to Michigan in territorial days and became pioneers in Genesee county, making their home near Goodrich, where they died and were buried. They had three children, of whom Mrs. Sweers was the eldest, the others being Lewis and Adeline. It was in 1836 that the younger Manly Sweers and his wife came to Michigan from New York and settled in Genesee county. Manly Sweers pre-empted a tract of eighty acres of "Congress land" in Atlas township and established his home there in the forest wilderness, his nearest neighbors at that time having been the family of Ezra K. Parsells, seven miles away. Manly Sweers cleared his forest land and gradually added to the same until he was the owner of one hundred and forty acres and was regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that pioneer community. He built three houses on his place and his last days were spent in comfort. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-nine years and his wife was seventy-five years of age at the time of her death about six years prior to the time of his death.

Milo Sweers grew to manhood on the pioneer home farm in Atlas township, a valuable assistant to his father in the work of clearing and developing the same. He received his schooling in the primitive subscription schools of his boyhood days and when twenty-one years of age left home and began

to work on his own account, working for fifty cents a day on the farm of the father of John T. Rich, afterward governor of the state of Michigan. As noted above, Mr. Sweers enlisted in Company C, Tenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, for service during the Civil War, and with that command went to the front. Upon the completion of his term of service of two years and six months he re-enlisted for three years, or during the war, and served until the close of the war, a total period of four years. During this period of service Mr. Sweers participated in thirty-three battles and engagements, three of which were desperate hand-to-hand battles and marched with Sherman to the sea, but through it all he apparently bore a charmed life, as he never received a wound. He was promoted to the post of orderly sergeant and later was offered a commission, but declined the same.

After the close of the war Mr. Sweers returned home and resumed his work on the farm, presently buying a farm of eighty acres of partly cleared and improved land in Burton township, where, after his marriage in the fall of 1866, he established his home and there lived until his appointment in 1906 to his present position of deputy sheriff of Genesee county, which position he ever since has occupied, having been reappointed by each successive sheriff since that time. Mr. Sweers is a Republican and during his residence in Burton township served in several official capacities, including that of highway commissioner and justice of the peace. He is a member of Crapo Post No. 45, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, and has served as commander of that post as well as commander of the Henry H. Knapp Post at Davison. He also has served as colonel of McKinley Camp, Veterans and Sons of Veterans, and for many years has been active in the general affairs of the Grand Army.

It was on September 1, 1866, that Milo Sweers was united in marriage to Locelia Barnum, who was born at Bloomfield Center on October 1, 1845, daughter of Richard and Rachel (Gillett) Barnum, early settlers in Genesee county, who died here and were buried at Goodrich, and who were the parents of seven children, six daughters and one son, Sarah, Harriet, Mary, Locelia, Eva, Francis and Judson. To Mr. and Mrs. Sweers seven children have been born, namely: Riley, a traveling salesman, living at Toledo, Ohio, who married Josephine Shaddock, who died leaving one child, a daughter, Josephine, after which he married Hattie Lamb; Emil, living on the old home farm in Burton township, who married Minnie Rhoades and has four children, Kenneth, Clarence, Harold and Reva; Mertie, who married Walter Green, a farmer of Atlas township, and has four daughters, Hildah, Elva, Anna and Catherine; Lottie, who married F. O. Tanner and, with her hus-

band, lives with her father and mother in Flint; Lewis, a commercial traveler, of Flint, who married Vilda White, who died, leaving two children, Riley and Harry, after which he married Mabel Powell, to which second union three children have been born, Oneta, Leslie and Lewis; Milo A., who married Minerva Parsons and lives on the home farm in Burton township, and Harry G., who died when about fifteen years of age.

HERBERT A. STEWART.

Herbert A. Stewart, a prominent business man of Flushing, was born in Kent county, Ontario, Canada, on January 28, 1858, son of Alexander and Katherine (Clark) Stewart.

Alexander Stewart was born in Kent county, Canada, and died in the winter of 1872, having lived his life in that country. He was a general farmer and was successful. In politics he was a Liberalist. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a steward in the same. Alexander Stewart was married to Katherine Clark, also a native of Kent county, and to that union were born seven children, Anna, George E., Herbert, Theresa, Sarah, Robert and one who died in infancy. Anna, George E. and Theresa are now deceased. Sarah is the wife of George W. Giddings, a real-estate dealer, and Robert is a resident of Detroit. Katherine Clark Stewart died in 1867 and some years later Alexander Stewart married Elizabeth Marshall, a native of Canada. To that union two children were born, James, an insurance inspector of Saginaw, and William J., a theatrical and amusement manager, of London, Canada.

The paternal grandparents of Herbert A. Stewart, Alexander Stewart and wife, were natives of Scotland, and emigrated to Canada with the colony of the Earl of Selkirk. There Alexander Stewart, the grandfather, became the shepherd of the flocks of the settlement. He remained in the service of the Earl of Selkirk for a number of years and later took a claim for himself in the Dominion, and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. To them were born nine children, James, William, John, Daniel, Alexander, Elizabeth, Isabelle, Jane and Lionel, all long since deceased. The parents of Katherine Clark Stewart also were natives of Scotland and settled in Prince Edward Island, where they remained for a few years, after which they located in the interior of Canada, where they spent the rest of their lives, the mother dying when she was about thirty-eight years of age. They

were the parents of nine children; Marie, Mary J., Lucinda, Sarah, Hannah, Hellen, Isabelle, Katherine and Robert, all now deceased.

Herbert A. Stewart was educated in the common schools, which he attended during the winter, while working on the farm in the summer. At the death of his father he went to Wallaceburg, Ontario, where he was engaged by a physician and while there added much to his education. He worked for two years in a drug store, owned by the doctor, and in 1874 came to Michigan. He worked in a saw-mill at Charlevoix and later at Oxford, where he spent three years as a molder's apprentice. He then went to Romeo, where he was engaged for thirteen years at his trade. The work being too heavy for him, he learned the carpenter's trade at which he worked for ten years. As a carpenter he worked at Detroit and later at Chicago, prior to the World's Fair. In 1904, he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Romeo, where he remained for one year before engaging in business at Flushing. In Flushing he purchased the furniture business of W. R. Ackland and some time later he and A. S. Perry, the other furniture dealer at Flushing, formed a partnership which lasted for six years, at the end of which time W. F. Minard purchased the interests of Mr. Perry and the new firm has since been known as Stewart & Minard, dealers in furniture, general house furnishings and undertakers.

In 1880, Herbert A. Stewart was married to Hattie H. Fillmore, who was born in Macomb county, this state, October 29, 1862, the daughter of Lemuel and Hattie (Cudworth) Fillmore, early settlers of Michigan, having come here from the state of New York. Lemuel Fillmore's father was a cousin of President Fillmore. To Lemuel and Hattie Fillmore were born two children Mrs. Stewart having a brother, James Fillmore, who is a Canadian lumberman in the northwest and is known as an expert in his line. The mother died in 1862 at the birth of the daughter Hattie. After the death of his wife, Mr. Fillmore joined the Union army for service during the Civil War and while in service contracted a fever and died in a hospital at Nashville, Tennessee. Hattie Fillmore was reared by her grandmother Fillmore and completed her schooling in the high school at Romeo, Michigan.

Politically, Mr. Stewart is a Republican and has served on the council, both in Romeo and Flushing. Fraternally, he is a Mason and a charter member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Flushing. Mr. Stewart is a successful and progressive business man, and takes much pride and interest in the development of his town and community. He was one of the most active promoters of the Business Men's Association of Flushing, and has been president of the organization for the past two years.

GEORGE J. BACHMANN.

George J. Bachmann, well-known architect and builder at Flint, with offices at 302 South Saginaw street, is a native of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Muskegon on July 22, 1878, son of John Frederick and Agnes (Tascher) Bachmann, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of the republic of Switzerland, who were the parents of eight children, namely: William F., of Muskegon; Marie Eleanor, wife of F. C. Schliess, of Detroit; Christie, wife of William Collins, of Lisbon, Ohio; George J. the subject of this biographical sketch; Frederick G., of Muskegon; Mildred, wife of Thomas How, Jr., of Detroit; Charles, who was drowned when six years of age, and a daughter who died in infancy.

John Frederick Bachmann was born at Cleveland, Ohio, eldest of the seven children born to his parents, John Frederick Bachmann and wife, natives of Germany, the others being Charles, Mary, Caroline, Minnie, Clara and Millie. When he was but a lad his parents moved to Columbus, Wisconsin. His father, who had come to this country from Bavaria when twenty-four years of age and had married in Cleveland, was an expert blacksmith and wagon-maker and he grew up an adept at those trades. He finally settled at Muskegon, this state, where he engaged in the business of erecting and running saw-mills, and was thus engaged until his death in 1897, from the effect of injuries received in a fall in Barker brothers mill at Traverse City, he then being forty-seven years of age. His widow, who still survives, continues to maintain her home at Muskegon, but resides with her son, George J. Bachmann, at Flint. She was born in the village of Suss, Switzerland, daughter of Jacob and Anthorette (Rest) Tascher, natives of that country, the latter a daughter of John and Katherine von Meldenberg Rest, and both of whom spent all their lives in that country, and who were the parents of seven children, Helsbeth, Katherine, Agnes, John, Thomas, Conrad and Jacob. Mrs. Bachmann was reared a Lutheran, as was her husband, but both afterward became identified with the Congregationalists.

Upon completing the course in the public schools at Muskegon, George J. Bachmann took a course in an architectural school at Grand Rapids and since then has devoted his time and talents to building and architecture. For some time he was located at Grand Rapids and during that time designed numerous large buildings in that city. Early in the year 1914 Mr. Bachmann moved to Flint, where he has since been engaged in business and where

he has established a high reputation as an architect. Among the numerous buildings he has designed since locating at Flint may be mentioned the buildings of Baker University, the Strand theater, Bush Brothers' store building, the Carpenter apartment building on Church street, the Goldberger building on St. John street, the Strand theater at Owosso, and many others. Mr. Bachmann's heart is in his work and he takes the pride of the true artist in his productions. Mr. Bachmann is a Democrat and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs.

On May 7, 1901, George J. Bachmann was united in marriage to Anna Belle Smith, who was born at Muskegon, this state, February 23, 1883, daughter of William H. and Anna (McKenzie) Smith, natives of Canada, the former of whom died on October 25, 1914, and the latter of whom is still living, who were the parents of five children, James, Anna Belle, Harry, Vesta and Henry. To Mr. and Mrs. Bachmann three children were born, Marjorie, born on April 18, 1902, who died at the age of ten months; Francis G., born on July 28, 1903, and Harold L., March 22, 1908. The mother of these children died on October 5, 1915. Mr. Bachmann is a member of the Congregational church, as was his wife, and takes an earnest interest in local good works.

JOHN H. CAREY.

John H. Carey, one of the best-known farmers of Flint township, this county, and for many years an office holder in that township, an honored veteran of the Civil War and proprietor of "Carey Home Farm," a well-kept place situated six miles west of Flint, on rural route No. 5, out of that city, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in the neighboring county of Oakland, November 18, 1838, son of Henry and Hannah (Kemp) Carey, natives of England, who came to this country in 1838 and located in this section of Michigan, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Henry Carey and his wife were born in Sussex, were married there and lived there until after their two eldest children were born, when, in 1838, they left England and came to the United States, proceeding directly to Michigan, having determined in advance of their coming over to settle in the new state that had just been admitted to statehood the year before. They arrived in Detroit on October 28 of that same year, proceeding thence

up into Oakland county, where, on November 18, following, the subject of this sketch was born. Henry Carey began farming in Oakland county and after a residence of nine years there bought a farm of his own and proceeded to clear and improve the same, continuing to make his home there until in December, 1883, when he and his wife came over into Genesee county and spent their last days in the home of their son, the subject of this sketch, Mrs. Carey dying on March 28, 1888, and Mr. Carey, July 11, 1891. They were members of the Christian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Henry W., born in June, 1833, who served in a Michigan cavalry regiment during the Civil War, participating in forty-two battles and engagements, and is now living at Oxford, this state; Hannah, born in 1835, widow of Wilson Armstrong; John H., the subject of this biographical sketch; Fannie, widow of John Maitrott, of Oakland county; Lydia, wife of Nehemiah Lawrence, of Charlotte, this state, and Jane and Frank. The two deceased were Mary and William.

John H. Carey grew to manhood on the paternal home in Oakland county, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and proving a valuable help to his father in the work of improving and developing the home farm. Before he was quite twenty-one years old, in 1859, he, with a party of five or six others, started for California, driving overland by ox-team. They left here on April 11 and arrived at their destination on September 1 of that same year. For a little more than two years Mr. Carey remained in California and then he began the long journey back, this time taking the water route, and reached his home in Michigan late in 1861, after which he married and bought the farm west of Flint on which he is still living and where he ever since has made his home. On October 28, 1863, Mr. Carey enlisted for service during the continuance of the Civil War as a private in Company D, Twenty-seventh Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until he received his honorable discharge on October 24, 1864, being discharged on account of a gunshot wound which incapacitated him from further service and on account of which, twelve years later, he was compelled to undergo a second serious operation. Mr. Carey never wholly recovered from the effects of that wound and the government is now paying him a pension of forty dollars a month. Mr. Carey is a Republican and ever since making his home in Flint township has taken an active and a useful part in local political affairs, for twenty-nine years having been in public office, having served as treasurer of the township, as justice of the peace and as health officer. He is an active

member of the Grand Army of the Republic and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

Mr. Carey has been thrice married. His first wife, who was Helen Eaton, died leaving three children, two of whom, Elmer G., of Harbor Springs, and Cora J., of Flint, are still living. Mr. Carey then married Hannah Jackson, who died when her only son, John H. Carey, Jr., was six weeks old. Mr. Carey then married, May 24, 1882, Delora Eggleston, which union has been without issue. Mr. and Mrs. Carey are members of the Baptist church at Flint and take an earnest interest in the various beneficences of the same, as well as in all neighborhood good works.

RALPH N. GILLETT.

Ralph N. Gillett, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Gillett Manufacturing Company at Clio, was born in Vienna township, this county, July 11, 1887, a son of Isaac D. and Annetta (Fields) Gillett, and grandson of Nelson and Samantha Gillett.

Nelson Gillett was born in New York state, as was also his wife. They came to Michigan in the early days and settled in the center of Vienna township, in Genesee county. He took up government land and made improvements thereon and made his home there until his death, which came to him in middle age as the result of an accident, caused by a tree falling on him. His widow, Samantha, died at the home of Isaac Gillett, in this county, in May, 1916. She was born on August 1, 1818. To Nelson Gillett and wife were born four children, William, who is living in Mt. Morris; Isaac D., Nelson and Melissa (deceased), who was the wife of John White.

Isaac D. Gillett was born in New York state and was about twelve years of age when his parents located a home in Vienna township. He grew up as a farmer and in early life became interested in the lumber business. In partnership with John White, his brother-in-law, he purchased a portable saw- and shingle-mill, which they operated through all this part of the state, discontinuing the business when timber became scarce. Then Isaac D. Gillett returned to farming, which he continued until 1909, when he retired from active farm work. Living in Clio he continued to have an oversight of his farm, which now comprises one hundred and eighty acres. In politics Mr. Gillett is a Republican, though inclined to be independent in the exercise of his franchise. He has been school officer for many years, and has

served as township treasurer several terms. He is president of the Gillett Manufacturing Company, president of the State Road Cheese Company, and is interested in other industries. His church relationship is with the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was born in St. Catherine, Ontario, Canada, and came to Michigan with her parents, who settled in Vienna township, this county, where she made her home until she was married. Her parents, Ralph and Hannah (Johnson) Fields, natives of Canada, who were among the early settlers of Vienna township, are both dead. To Mr. and Mrs. Gillett five children have been born, Ralph N., Leslie D., Earl, Evelyn and Murray.

Ralph N. Gillett was educated in the district schools of his home township and in the Mt. Morris high school, from which latter he was graduated in 1906. He then took a course in a commercial college at Saginaw and after completing his studies in that institution took employment with the Pere Marquette Railroad Company, as clerk in the supply store of the company at Saginaw. After four months in that employment he returned to Clio and accepted a position as assistant cashier in the bank of the Charles H. May Company, bankers, of Clio. He held that position for a year and a half, at the end of which time he formed a partnership with W. H. Stout, under the firm name of Stout & Gillett, located at Clio. This firm continued for two years, at the end of which time Mr. Gillett sold his interest to his partner and purchased an interest in the Clio Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of furniture, sash and doors. He was made secretary of that company and continued with it for a year and three months. At that time, in 1914, the Gillett Manufacturing Company was organized, with I. D. Gillett, president; L. D. Gillett, vice-president, and Ralph N. Gillett, secretary and treasurer. This company has since engaged in the business of manufacturing furniture, making a specialty of library and kitchen tables, and employs about twenty-five men. Ralph N. Gillett is a stockholder in the company and is the manager of the manufacturing plant.

On June 22, 1910, Ralph N. Gillett was united in marriage to Mabel Haas, who was born on October 9, 1886, a daughter of Frederick and Louisa Haas, both natives of Germany, who emigrated to Canada and settled in Ontario, later coming to Michigan and settling on a farm in Thetford township, this county, where they remained until they retired and moved to Clio. Mr. and Mrs. Gillett have one child, a son, Gilbert Frederick, who was born on August 10, 1912.

Mr. Gillett is a member of and an official in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is independent in political affairs, exercising his personal judg-

ment as to the fitness and qualifications of candidates for the offices to which they aspire. He is a Mason, a member of Lodge No. 205, at Clio, and a past senior warden of that lodge.

The board of directors of the Gillett Manufacturing Company, to which reference has been made, is composed of the following: Isaac D. Gillett, William Gillett, Ralph N. Gillett, of Clio; James D. Stewart, of Saginaw, and M. E. Smith, of Clio.

ERNEST THEODORE ELWOOD.

Ernest Theodore Elwood, of the firm of Elwood & Baker, prominent and successful flour, feed and seed merchants, of Flint, was born in Birch Run township, Saginaw county, this state, December 4, 1862, the son of George Nelson and Caroline M. (King) Elwood, natives of the state of New York and early settlers in Saginaw county. To George and Caroline Elwood were born three children, Allison Augustus, Inez, wife of Charles Baker, of Grand Blanc township, and Ernest Theodore.

George Nelson Elwood came to Michigan as a young man and attended the Clarkston Academy, after which he taught school for some years. For a time he was engaged in farming and later conducted a general store at Farrenville, on the old plank road, a part of which road he had helped to construct as a young man. That was long before the village of Clio was established. Mr. Elwood was for a time deputy sheriff of his county and served a term as village assessor. He died in 1906. The wife and mother died in 1879, after living an active and Christian life. She was for many years a member of the methodist Episcopal church. George N. Elwood's parents, Abraham Elwood and wife, were natives of the state of New York and were the parents of two children, George Nelson and Elihu. After the death of Abraham Elwood his widow married John Howe and to that union three children were born, Harman, Phineas and Esther. Mrs. Caroline M. Elwood's parents, William and Eliza (Cross) King, were also natives of New York state and early settlers in Oakland county, Michigan. William King was a cooper and was foreman of a large shop at Port Byron, New York, but after coming to Michigan he engaged in farming. Here he and his wife died at an advanced age. To their union seven children were born, George, William, Mary Phillips, Jane Adams and Caroline M. The

junior William King died from wounds received while a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War.

Ernest Theodore Elwood grew to manhood in Clio where he attended the public schools. He was later engaged in teaming and in the handling of horses, after which he learned the wagon-maker's trade and went to Montana, where he was engaged by a live-stock company. After remaining there for some two years he returned to Michigan and established himself in a wagon shop at Clare, where he remained for two years before locating at Flint, where he was engaged by W. F. Stewart to assist in the making of buggies. Mr. Elwood remained there for one year and then became engaged with the Grand Trunk railroad and remained thus engaged for thirteen years, at the end of which time he purchased a farm of eighty acres in Davison township. He remained on the farm until 1908, when he sold the farm and engaged in the flour, feed, grain and seed business with Mr. Evat at Flint. Later Mr. Evat sold his interest to Mr. Baker and the firm name is now Elwood & Baker, the firm doing a large and successful business.

On May 1, 1887, Ernest Theodore Elwood was united in marriage to Adelaide Forshee, daughter of Norman and Margaret (Grierson) Forshee, and to this union two children have been born, Eva May, who married Robert McCook, of Flint, and has two sons, Robert Elwood and James Wait, and Hazel Caroline, who is at home with her parents. Mrs. Elwood is one of a family of four children, she having three brothers, Harman Z.; Harrison H. and Elmer Forshee. Fraternally, Mr. Elwood is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Foresters. Mrs. Elwood is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

FRANK DOAN PERKINS.

Frank Doan Perkins, postmaster at Flushing, was born in Clayton township, Genesee county, September 15, 1860, a son of Lewis and Rebecca (Doan) Perkins, the former of whom was born in Steuben county, New York, in 1836. Lewis Perkins was only four or five years old when his parents came to this county, settling in Clayton township, and he spent his youthful years among the early settlers of that township. He became a noted hunter and found abundant opportunity for the exercise of this proclivity, together with satisfaction of his ambition, in hunting the game with which this wild country was so plentifully filled at that time. About 1857

Lewis Perkins married Rebecca Doan, who came to Michigan when very young, or, it is probable, she was born in this state. At least she was reared and educated here and was married here.

Lewis Perkins was one of ten children born to his parents and is the only one of these now living. He is living at Colorado Springs, Colorado. The names of his brothers and sisters were: Lyman, George, Loran, Lucinda, who married Benjamin Rall, who lived to be one hundred years old, lacking forty-four days; Louisa, who married Barrett Dickinson and moved to Indiana; Rebecca, who married a man by the name of Bennedict, of Rochester, New York; Roxie Ann, who married Lester Dutcher, a noted New York tobacco raiser; Alzina, who married Wilham Rall, a pioneer of Genesee county, and died about 1905, and Elmira, who married M. D. Gooch, of Flint, and died about 1906.

The father of Lewis Perkins was Peter Perkins, born in Vermont in 1786, who was married in that state and came to Michigan about 1837 and settled in Clayton township, this county. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, having served as a soldier in the United States army for about one year. He died in 1876. His wife, who was Mary Preston, born in Vermont in 1792, died in 1870.

Frank D. Perkins was reared in Clayton township and was educated in the schools of that township. He also attended the Flushing and Vernon high schools. He taught school for about one year and for three years was employed in the mercantile business. In 1882 he entered the service of the Grand Trunk railroad and continued in that employment for a period of thirty-three years, at the end of which time, in 1914, he resigned to accept the appointment of postmaster at Flushing and is now serving in that capacity.

On August 15, 1884, Frank D. Perkins married Della Gannon, who was born in Michigan in 1869 and who graduated from the Bancroft high school. She is a daughter of James Gannon, who was born in Ireland and who immigrated to Canada with his parents when quite young, the family settling in Toronto. Later he came to Michigan, where he married Sarah Walworth, who was born in this state and to this union were born two children, Mrs. Perkins having a brother, Jay Gannon, who is now engaged in the telephone and real-estate business in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have one child, a son, Lavern, born in Cass county, this state, May 27, 1887, who was for some years in the railroad service, but resigned on account of his health and went to Florida. Lavern Perkins was educated in the public schools, graduating from the Flushing high school in 1905. He then attended the Michigan Agricultural College and was graduated from

that institution in 1909. In May, 1913, he married Marie Wisenberg, of Saginaw county, who was born in 1892, a daughter of John Wisenberg, a native of Germany, who came to America in middle life with his family of six children, and became a prosperous farmer in Saginaw county, making that county his home until his death, which occurred in 1914.

Frank Doan Perkins is a Democrat. He has served as a member of the council and also as a member of the school board, and, as noted above, is now serving as postmaster of Flushing. He has a farm and is interested in farming and stock raising. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He has been through all the chairs of the chapter except that of high priest.

WILL A. GALE.

Will A. Gale, a well-known and substantial farmer living on his fine farm of one hundred and fifty-six acres on the southern edge of the village of Atlas, this county, former deputy sheriff of Genesee county and for years prominently identified with the affairs of his community, is a native son of this county and has lived all his life on the farm where he now makes his home, a tract of land entered from the government by his grandfather, Dr. Elbridge G. Gale, in pioneer days, descending from him to his son, Adrian P. Gale and now in the possession of the original owner's grandson, the subject of this sketch. Will A. Gale was born there on March 15, 1865, son of Adrian P. and Helen T. Wilder, prominent residents of that vicinity, additional details regarding whose history and genealogy, together with further information regarding the pioneer, Dr. Elbridge G. Gale, are set out elsewhere in this volume.

The farm on which Mr. Gale makes his home was originally a practically unbroken woodland and much of it has been cleared within the days of his recollection. He grew to manhood there, receiving his schooling in the schools of Atlas and in the high school at Flint, and after his marriage in 1888 established his home there and has ever since lived on the old home place. He has about one hundred and fifty-six acres there, owning all but about fifty acres of the old Gale homestead, and has done very well in his farming operations, long having been regarded as among the most substantial farmers in that vicinity. Mr. Gale is a Republican and has given considerable attention to local political affairs, having served as deputy

sheriff and in several township offices. He is a member of the local "tent" of the Knights of the Maccabees and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

It was in 1888 that Will A. Gale was united in marriage to Louise A. Jordan, who also was born in Atlas township, daughter of Stephen and Emily (Perry) Jordan, the former a native of England and the latter of this county, whose last days were spent in Atlas township. Stephen Jordan was born in Surrey, England, February 24, 1829, son of John and Ann (Brooker) Jordan, the latter of whom died in England when her son, Stephen, was a child, after which, in 1837, John Jordan came to the United States with his children and after two years spent in New York, proceeded on out to Michigan, which had just been admitted to statehood a couple of years before, and settled in Grand Blanc township, this county. Later John Jordan moved up into Davison township and there spent the rest of his life. Stephen Jordan was eight years of age when he came to this country with his father and when twelve years old went to live in the household of Charles Bates, in Grand Blanc township, where he remained until he was twenty-two years old. He then went to California and spent four years in the gold fields of that state, after which he returned to this county and bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres two miles northwest of Atlas and there established his home. He later bought an adjoining tract of land and at the time of his death was the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of fine land.

Stephen Jordan married, not long after returning from California, Emily Perry, who was born in Grand Blanc township, this county, daughter of Simon and Sarah (Cartwright) Perry, the former of whom was one of the sons of Edmund Perry, Sr., who brought his family from New York state to this part of Michigan Territory in 1826, he having bought a tract of land in Grand Blanc township from the government in 1825, the Perry family thus becoming the second family to settle in Genesee county. The Perry family exerted a wide influence for good hereabout in pioneer days and left a name that will not soon be forgotten. Elsewhere in this volume there are presented further details regarding the history and the genealogy of the Perrys, to which the reader is respectfully referred for additional information in this connection. In 1830 Simon Perry bought a tract of government land in section 14 of Grand Blanc township, later buying additional land in section 11 of that same township, and in 1834 built a small frame house on his original "eighty." He had married Sarah Cartwright, daughter of Thomas and Isabel Cartwright, and in that pioneer home was

born his daughter, Isabel, the first white child born in Genesee county. Mrs. Stephen Jordan was one of the founders of the public library at Atlas and was ever active in local good works. She survived her husband for more than fifteen years, his death occurring in June, 1897, and hers in September, 1914. Of their eight children, three died in youth; Charles died at Atlas in January, 1916, leaving a widow and daughter; Frank, Jennie and Belle live in Atlas and Louise married Mr. Gale. To this union six children have been born, Mary, who married Ray M. Potter, of Davison township, and Ruth, Perry A., Lewis S., Carol and Dorothy L.

JOHN COOLEY VAN VLEET.

John Cooley Van Vleet, one of the prominent farmers of Vienna township, Genesee county, was born on a farm in Gaines township on February 25, 1852, he being the son of James and Mary Van Vleet. James Van Vleet was born in Seneca county, New York, on July 28, 1819. He came to Michigan in 1844 and settled in Gaines township, where he remained until 1868, when he was elected treasurer of the county. During his residence in Gaines township he served for eighteen years as township supervisor. He also held the office of justice of the peace and was a member of the state Legislature for four years. After his election as county treasurer he removed to Flint, where he resided until his death, on March 16, 1915. During his residence in Flint he was elected supervisor of that township. Mary A. (Cooley) Van Vleet was born in Seneca county, New York, on May 1, 1822, and died at her home in Flint on February 15, 1892.

To James and Mary Van Vleet were born the following children: Albert was born on October 2, 1842, and is a retired farmer living in Durand, Michigan; Anna E. was born October 31, 1845, and is the wife of W. H. Fairchild, a Swartz Creek farmer; Jared was born on October 9, 1848, and is at present in the real estate and insurance business at Flint; John Cooley is the subject of this review.

John Cooley Van Vleet received his education in the district schools of his township and the Flint high school. After graduating from the high school, he returned to his one-hundred-and-thirty-acre farm, in sections 26 and 35, Vienna township. Here he has continued to live a successful life on the farm.

On February 25, 1880, John Cooley Van Vleet was united in marriage



James Van Vleet

to Ada Martin, of Gaines township. Mrs. Van Vleet is the daughter of William and Nancy (Brewer) Martin, both of whom are now deceased. They were pioneer settlers of the township. Ada Martin Van Vleet received her education in the district schools and at the Flint high school.

Politically, John Cooley Van Vleet is a Republican and has served his township as treasurer for two years, justice of the peace for the past fourteen years, and for thirty years has been a member of the school board. Mr. Van Vleet's life has been an active and honorable one and he has done much toward the advancement of the social and educational life of the community.

GEORGE McKENZIE CAMPBELL.

George McKinzie Campbell, a well-known retired farmer and merchant of Atlas township, this county, an honored veteran of the Civil War, present supervisor of Atlas township, a position he has held for ten years, former treasurer and assessor of that township and in other ways actively identified with the civic interests of his home community and who has been a continuous resident of the village of Atlas since the middle eighties, is a native of New York state, but has been a resident of this county since he was a boy. He was born near the Hudson river, in Columbia county, New York, December 25, 1848, son of John and Barbara (Russell) Campbell, the latter of whom died when he was twelve months old and the former of whom later became a well-known and substantial pioneer resident of this county, where he spent his last days.

John Campbell was born in the Highlands of Scotland. He grew to manhood there and learned the machinist's trade. When about thirty years old he came to this country and in New York state was married to Barbara Russell, who was born in the Lowlands of Scotland and who had come to this country with her parents, John Russell and wife, the family settling on a farm in Pennsylvania, right on the New York state line, southeast of Jamestown, in the latter state. John Campbell built and operated a woolen mill in New York and remained there until 1856, when he came to Michigan with his five sons, the subject of this sketch then being about eight years of age, with a view to acquiring a tract of government land for the purpose of providing a permanent establishment for his sons. He settled in Genesee county, but after about a year's residence here decided to look further and

broke up his home, for about five years thereafter traveling over a good part of the North and Western states before finally coming back to Genesee county and settling down on a farm on the line between Atlas and Davison township, after which he got his sons together with him again and established his home there, remaining there the rest of his life, his death occurring on September 25, 1869. His five sons were John, Alexander, Allan, James and George M., all of whom save the eldest served as soldiers of the Union army during the Civil War, Alexander and Allan Campbell going to the front in the fall of 1861 with the First Michigan, Engineers and Mechanics, and serving until the close of the war, being mustered out as lieutenants, and James going out in 1864, at the close of the war being sent to Texas with the Third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until that command was mustered out, all the brothers returning unscathed at the close of their service.

As noted above, George M. Campbell was but a boy when his father came to this county and when the elder Campbell disbanded his home when he started out prospecting he was sent back to live with his mother's kinsfolk in Pennsylvania, where he remained until his father established his home in this county five years later. In the fall of 1863, before his fifteenth birthday, he attempted to enlist for service in the army, but his father stepped in and put a stop to his soldierly designs. The next fall, however, when not yet sixteen years old, he succeeded in enlisting in Company F, Thirtieth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until it was mustered out at the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service he returned home and resumed farm work. In 1869 his right arm was caught in a "jack" of a threshing-machine and was so hopelessly mangled that amputation was necessary. After that distressing experience he attended school a year. In 1871 he married and bought a farm one mile south and a mile and a half west of the village of Atlas, where he established his home and where he engaged in farming for twelve years, at the end of which time he sold the farm and moved to the village of Atlas, where he bought a store and engaged in the mercantile business. A year later that store was destroyed by fire and since then Mr. Campbell, who has ever since continued to make his home in Atlas, has been chiefly occupied with the duties of the several public offices he has held from time to time ever since the early eighties. The first office to which Mr. Campbell was elected was that of highway commissioner of Atlas township, which office he held for two years. In 1888 he was elected township treasurer, serving two terms and after two years was again elected to that

office. He was school inspector for two years and then was elected supervisor for seven years and then was elected justice of the peace, but after two years in that office resigned to take the office of township supervisor and is now on his third year of service in the second period, making a service of ten years in that office. In addition to these offices, Mr. Campbell also served as assessor and treasurer of his school district for ten years. He is a Republican and for years has been regarded as one of the leaders of the party in his part of the county, having some years ago served as a member of the county Republican committee. Of his brothers, John Campbell served two terms as treasurer of Genesee county and for fourteen years was supervisor of Davison township. Alexander Campbell was supervisor of that same township for six years and Allan Campbell was supervisor of Groveland township, in Oakland county, for six years.

It was on September 26, 1871, that George M. Campbell was united in marriage to Inez Harding, who was born on the farm which her husband later bought, southwest of Atlas, and who died at her home in Atlas on November 18, 1914. Mrs. Campbell was a daughter of Daniel and Amerilous (Swift) Harding, the former a native of Rhode Island and the latter of New York, who came to Michigan Territory in 1836 and settled on a homestead farm in the unbroken woods in section 18 of Atlas township, this county, where they became useful and influential pioneer residents and where they spent their last days.

LEWIS GIFFORD.

Lewis Gifford, manager of the Davison Telephone Company at Davison, this county, for years postmaster of that town and for more than twenty-five years one of Davison's best-known and most progressive merchants, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all of his life, with the exception of about five years spent with a milling concern at Bay City. He was born on a pioneer farm in Flint township, May 16, 1859, son of Alfred and Miranda (Butterfield) Gifford, natives of Canada, who came to this country in 1855 and here spent the rest of their lives.

Alfred Gifford was a manufacturer of agricultural implements and tools in Canada, but upon coming to Michigan he bought a partly cleared farm in Flint township, this county, and was thereafter engaged in farming. To him and his wife there were born four daughters in Canada, and after

coming to this county four sons were born to them. It was in the autumn of 1855 that Alfred Gifford established his home in Flint township. The railroad had then only reached to Holly, and the conditions in the section in which he settled still retained much of their pioneer aspect. He finished clearing his place and became a substantial farmer, one of the leading men in his community, and on that farm spent his last days, his death occurring in 1906, he then being eighty-four years of age.

Lewis Gifford was reared on the farm on which he was born in Flint township, receiving his elementary education in the district school in that neighborhood and supplementing the same by attendance at the high schools at Flint and at Bay City. For two winters he taught school and then became engaged as bookkeeper in the office of Gates & Chatfield, now the Chatfield Milling Company, at Bay City, where he remained for five years and where, in 1884, he was married. Two years later, in 1886, he returned to Genesee county and opened a general store at Davison, continuing actively engaged in that business there until 1912. In 1897 Mr. Gifford was appointed postmaster of Davison and held that office for sixteen years and two months. It was from his office that the first petition was sent to the postoffice department for the establishment of rural mail routes in Genesee county, and the first of such routes in this county was put in operation out of his office. The Davison office at that time was given four rural routes and about a year later another was added. In addition to his public service as postmaster, Mr. Gifford also served for a year as treasurer of Davison township, by appointment, and also served for some time as a member of the Davison village council. In 1902 Mr. Gifford created a telephone exchange at Davison, the first local exchange in the east half of Michigan to secure connection with the Bell system of long-distance telephones, and his exchange was a success from the very start. In 1908 he incorporated the exchange as a stock company, under the name of the Davison Telephone Company, retaining, however, the controlling stock in the concern, and has since continued to act as general manager and treasurer of the company. The lines of the Davison Telephone Company have gradually extended until the exchange covers both Davison and Richland townships and some territory outside. Mr. Gifford is a Republican and has been recognized for years as one of the leaders of that party in the eastern part of the county. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and of the Order of the Loyal Guard, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

It was in 1884 that Lewis Gifford was united in marriage to Amelia E.

Williams, who was born at Smitherick, near the city of Birmingham, in Staffordshire, England, daughter of Charles and Esther Williams, who came to the United States in 1872, and settled at Bay City, this state, where they spent the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Gifford have been born four children, Charles R., Rosa E., Neal A. and Veola E., all of whom have received the advantages of a college education. Charles R. Gifford was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College, and is now living at Detroit. Rose E. Gifford was graduated from the Ypsilanti Normal School and is now a teacher in the public schools at Flint. Neal A. Gifford is finishing his studies in the Michigan Agricultural College, and Veola E. Gifford, who was graduated with the highest honors of her class, winning the scholarship at Ypsilanti in 1915, is now taking a post-graduate course.

FRANK B. LEACH.

Frank B. Leach, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Atlas township, this county, proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres situated just opposite the Country Club house west of the pleasant village of Atlas, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Atlas township, July 21, 1875, son of George and Anna (Blackmore) Leach, prominent residents of that community, who later moved to the village of Davison; a more detailed history of which family in this county is set out in a biographical sketch relating to William J. Leach, elder brother of the subject of this sketch, presented elsewhere in this volume.

Frank B. Leach was nearly grown when he moved with his parents to the village of Davison, but he has always been engaged in farming. He married in 1899 and in 1902 he bought the farm on which he is now living, opposite the Country Club, west of Atlas. He first bought eighty acres, but about ten years ago bought an additional "forty" nearby and is now successfully farming one hundred and twenty acres. He has improved his place in excellent shape and in 1913 built a fine new house in which he and his family are very pleasantly situated. He has done well in his farming operations and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of that part of the county.

It was in 1899, at Davison, that Frank B. Leach was united in marriage to Dora Uptegraff, who was born there, a daughter of Christopher

and Martha (Oberholser) Uptegraff, for years well-known residents of Davison. Christopher Uptegraff was born at Williamsville, New York, in 1830, and when about ten years old came to this county with his parents, the family settling at Otisville. Christopher Uptegraff early became a blacksmith and followed that vocation nearly all his life. His wife, who also was born at Williamsville, New York, came to this county with her parents about 1855, in her young womanhood, and was married a year or two later. For some time after their marriage the Uptegraffs lived at Otisville and then moved to Richfield, where they cleared up a pioneer farm, and later to Davison, where they spent the remainder of their lives and where Mr. Uptegraff and his sons were for some time engaged in operating a brick yard. He died in 1907 and his widow survived until 1913. They were the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being as follows: Charles, of Davison; William, of Birmingham, Michigan; Ellis, of Flint, and Dora, who married Mr. Leach. To Mr. and Mrs. Leach one child has been born, a daughter, Edna May. The Leaches have a delightful home, are good neighbors and take an earnest interest in the general social activities of their home community.

WARREN O. GREEN.

Warren O. Green, one of the substantial farmers of Atlas township, former member of the board of review of his home township and otherwise actively identified with the interests of that part of the county, was born on the farm southeast of the village of Goodrich where he now lives and has lived there all his life, having of recent years taken practically complete management of the large farm his father owns there. He was born on December 28, 1875, son and only child of Frederick A. and Lana M. (Black) Green, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Michigan.

Frederick A. Green was born on a farm in the vicinity of Buffalo, in Erie county, New York, September 6, 1837, son of Alanson and Eliza (Ayers) Green, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of New York state, who came to Michigan in the middle fifties and established their home in Atlas township, this county. Alanson Green was born near the city of Boston on September 24, 1804, and when a young man moved to New York state, where in the town of Amherst, Erie county, he married

Eliza Ayers, continuing to make his home in that vicinity until the fall of 1855, when he and his wife and three sons and two daughters came to Michigan, leaving a married daughter back in New York. It was in the latter part of October, 1855, that the Greens came to this county and their first winter here was spent in the village of Goodrich. The following spring they settled on a farm of one hundred acres in section 26 of Atlas township and there Alanson Green and his wife spent their last days, the former lacking but one month and six days of being ninety years of age at the time of his death on July 18, 1894. His wife had died years before. They were members of the Baptist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, namely: Lucy, who married Drulard Dancer; Matilda, who married Jacob Metz and remained in New York; Frederick A., who is still living on the old home farm southeast of Goodrich; Helen M. and Henry M., twins, the former of whom married Worden Delano and the latter of whom died in infancy; Myron A. B., who died while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, and Oscar L., who lived in Atlas township until his death in 1915.

Frederick A. Green was nineteen years old when he came to Genesee county with his parents in 1855 and he has lived ever since on the place his father then bought in Atlas township. A few years after coming here he married Lana M. Black, who was born on a pioneer farm a short distance northeast of the Green homestead in Atlas township, daughter of Erastus and Sophia (Britton) Black, early settlers of that part of the county, both of whom were born in Erie county, New York, and who were married after coming to Michigan with their respective parents, who were among the first settlers in the lower part of Genesee county, both the Black and the Britton families having come here together from Erie county, New York, about the year 1841. Mrs. Black was a daughter of John and Maria (Nesmith) Britton, who located near Kipps Corners, in the southeastern part of Atlas township, and Mrs. Britton was a daughter of Albert and Betsy Nesmith, who came to this section of Michigan at the same time as the Brittons. Erastus Black and his brother, Henry, owned a farm southeast of Goodrich, but in the fall of 1856 Erastus Black moved to a farm three miles northeast of there and later into the village of Goodrich, where his last days were spent. About the fall of 1861 Frederick A. Green bought a farm of forty acres of his own, the tract on which his son, Warren O. Green, now makes his home, and two or three years later bought sixty acres adjoining the same, later buying the interests of the other heirs in

his father's estate and additional land thereabout until he became the owner of five hundred and twenty-seven acres in Atlas township, all of which is now being farmed by his son, the subject of this sketch, who has long been regarded as one of the most progressive farmers in that part of the county. On May 21, 1914, Mrs. Frederick A. Green died, suddenly, of heart disease.

Warren O. Green was reared on the paternal farm in Atlas township and from boyhood has been a valued assistant to this father in the operation of the farm. Upon finishing his schooling in the high school at Goodrich he engaged seriously in the work of farming his father's place and has ever since been thus engaged. After his marriage in 1898 he established his home there and he and his family are now very comfortably and pleasantly situated. Mr. Green is a Republican, has been a member of his party organization in this county, has served several terms as a member of the board of review and in other ways has done his part as a good citizen to advance the common interests of the community in which he lives.

It was on January 12, 1898, that Warren O. Green was united in marriage to Jessie Sweers, who was born on a farm in the southeast part of Altas township, this county, daughter and only child of Oscar and Frances E. (Rhodes) Sweers, both of whom were born in that same township, members of families who were among the earliest settlers thereabout. Oscar Sweers was born on his father's old farm in the southeastern part of Atlas township, September 11, 1848, son of Manly and Lydia (Van Cleve) Sweers, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York state, who were married at Clarence, New York, and in the winter of 1835-36 came to this then Territory of Michigan and settled in section 26 of Atlas township, this county, Manly Sweers buying "Congress land" there at one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre. He and his wife were members of the Congregational church and active in good works in the early days hereabout. She died in 1898 and he survived until 1901. They were the parents of twelve children, Spencer, Rachel, Milo, Josephine, Louisa, Nelson, Ellen, Oscar, Daniel, Freeman, Lewis and Mary, all of whom are still living save Nelson, who died at Louisville, Kentucky, while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War; Mrs. Ellen Brown and Josephine, who died in 1916. Oscar Sweers lived on the old homestead until his marriage in 1875, after which he established his home on a farm of eighty acres in that same section he had bought in 1872 and there he made his home until January 13, 1911, when he retired from the farm and he and his wife moved to the village of Goodrich, where Mrs. Sweers died on June 6, 1913, since which

time Mr. Sweers has made his home with his only daughter, Mrs. Green. To Mr. and Mrs. Green three children have been born, Rena E., Frances Lana and Frederick Oscar.

CHARLES TAYLOR MOSS.

Charles Taylor Moss, for years one of the best-known merchants of the village of Flushing and also for years one of the most active factors in the public life of that community, for twenty years having been a member of the village council and in other ways identified with the civic affairs of the town, is a native of Canada, but has spent practically all his active life in Genesee county, of which he has been a resident, with the exception of a brief period spent in Colorado, since the days of his youth. Mr. Moss, the son of James Spence and wife, was born at Dundas, in the province of Ontario, Canada, April 29, 1861, of Scottish descent, and was adopted by Charles and Sarah (Wilbee) Moss, the former of whom was a native of England, born at Wiston, who came across the water and settled in Canada, where he married Sarah Wilbee, who was born in Brantford, Ontario, and later engaged in the hotel business in Canada, presently coming to Michigan and locating at Flint, where for many years he conducted a hotel, which he later sold and then moved to Flushing, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising, in which line he was occupied until his retirement from active business and removed to Davisburg, in the neighboring county of Oakland, where he is still living. His wife died in 1901.

Charles T. Moss had completed his schooling in Canada before coming to Genesee county with his adopted parents, having attended college at Hamilton, and upon moving to Flushing became interested in a drug company, continuing business in that line until after his marriage in 1886, after which he engaged in business in partnership with his adopted father in the general farming and live-stock line, a partnership which continued for about two years, at the end of which time the elder Moss retired from the business and C. T. Moss continued the same on his own account. He also opened a lumber yard at Flushing and operated the same in connection with his other lines, until 1901, in which year he sold out and went to Colorado Springs, Colorado, but a year later returned to Flushing, bought a farm and again engaged in farming. A little later he embarked in the mercantile business at Flushing, opening a general store and has been thus engaged

ever since. Mr. Moss is a Republican and has held a number of official positions in the township and village, for twenty years having been a member of the village council.

On December 28, 1886, Charles T. Moss was united in marriage to Elizabeth Amy Davie, who was born at Flushing on January 28, 1869, a daughter of Col. Lyman Ellis and Puella Lapersis (Parsell) Davie, both natives of the state of New York and prominent residents of Genesee county. Lyman E. Davie was born near Seneca Lake, New York, April 10, 1841, and when about seventeen years of age, in 1858, came to Michigan with his parents, the family locating in Flint township, this county, where they established their home. When the Civil War broke out, Lyman E. Davie, then a young man of twenty, and his eldest brother, William, were among the first to respond to the call for volunteers to defend the flag. They walked to Flint and enlisted in Company I, Tenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, which was organized and mustered into service in that city. The date of his enlistment was November 10, 1861, and during that winter the regiment rendezvoused in that city. The following April the regiment departed for the front and was assigned to duty in the Army of the Cumberland, then under the command of Gen. Don Carlos Buell. Lyman E. Davie followed the fortunes of his regiment in the campaigns throughout Kentucky, Tennessee and other states, participating in the battle and skirmishes in which the regiment was engaged, and his service was recognized by promotion to the rank of first lieutenant.

While at home on a furlough, in the spring of 1864, Lieutenant Lyman E. Davie was united in marriage to Puella Parsell, of Flushing village, and upon his return to Nashville was accompanied by his bride. In the meantime he had received his commission as a colonel and was given command of a colored regiment stationed at Nashville. Colonel Davie continued in the service until the close of the war, after which he returned to Flushing, where he took up his residence and where nearly all of the remainder of his life was spent. He was engaged in various enterprises in the village and county and during all his active years was closely identified with the growth and prosperity of the village in which he made his home. He was ambitious and progressive and was almost constantly engaged in some enterprise that had for its object the upbuilding of the town and the welfare of the community. Some of the first brick blocks, including the first opera house, and almost a score of pretty dwellings, are monuments to his public spirit, his efforts and his enterprise. A local newspaper in a biographical reference to Colonel Davie following his death on August 10, 1907, said of him:

"He was a man possessed of a kindly and sunny temperament, a generous and hospitable host, a most agreeable companion and entertainer, who enjoyed the warm friendship of a host of acquaintances. He became one of the early members of Flushing lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and later the several successive degrees to the ranks of Knight Templar were conferred upon him. He was a Mystic Shriner and an Elk, becoming a member of the two latter orders during his residence at Colorado Springs"

Lyman E. Davie was a son of Henry and Amy (Bump) Davie, natives of New York state, who made their home there until middle life, when they came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Flint township, this county, where Henry Davie engaged in farming. Later he sold his place and went to Grand Rapids, this state, where he spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, William, Lyman, Edward, Jefferson, Rastus, Martha, Lottie, Lowell and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Puella Davie, who died on December 31, 1886, also was a native of New York state, born on August 8, 1842, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Cronk) Parsell, the latter of whom was a daughter of Col. James Cronk, an officer of the United States army during the Mexican War and a grandson of his namesake, Col. James Cronk, an officer of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. Members of the Cronk family also served in the army during the Civil War and during the Spanish-American War. Both Robert and Elizabeth Parsell were natives of New York state and were married there. Coming to this state they located in Flushing township, Genesee county, where for some time Robert Parsell engaged in farming, later engaging in the hotel business at Flushing, which business he continued until his death many years later, proprietor of the old Exchange hotel, which he had built. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Davie was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Eugene, who married Roxana Brockway and had three children, Charles, deceased; Mrs. Agnes Watson, who has three children, Eugene, Lucile and Pauline, and Jay, who has one daughter, Dorothy; Olive, who married Robert McGlinchey and has three children, George, who has one daughter, Edna; Mrs. Grance Porter, who has two children, Eugene and Mark, and Mrs. Mabel Pease, who has one son, Lester; Virginia, who married Albert Davis, following whose death she married Henry Marshall, now living at Huntington Park, California, and has two children, Ned and Edith, the latter of whom married Bert Allen; Laura, widow of Charles Payson, now living in California, who has two children, Claire and Mrs. Lois Gump, of Arizona; Robert, now deceased, who married Julia Heath and had two children,

Robert and May, the latter of whom married H. M. Starr, now of Portland, Oregon, and has two children, Dorothy and Twinkle; Ernest, who married Hattie Campbell and is now living at Flint, and Mary, who married M. C. Bowman, of Flint, and has three children, Ernest D., Jane, who married Howard Pidd, and Elsa.

To Colonel and Mrs. Lyman E. Davie four children were born, of whom Mrs. Moss is the third in order of birth, the others being William, a farmer living near Flushing, who married Gertrude Turner and has one child, a daughter, Mildred C., a teacher of music at Flint; Robert P., of Los Angeles, California, who married Martha Hays and has four children, Robert P., Marjorie, Lois and Martha, and Laura P., who married Ray Ellis, of Venice township, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, and has two children, Robert Davie and Raymond Bert.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss are the parents of four children, Margery, deceased; Dorothy, who attended St. Mary's College at Monroe; Beatrice, who attended the same college and the Michigan Agricultural College, and Theodore Davie, who is a student of Michigan Agricultural College. The Mosses are attendants of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Moss is a Mason and both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, in the local chapter of which latter organization Mrs. Moss is a past officer.

JOSEPH HOBART.

Joseph Hobart, a well-known and substantial farmer of Atlas township, this county, an honored veteran of the Civil War and the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres at the edge of the village of Atlas, is a native of New York state, but has been a resident of Michigan since 1870. He was born on a farm in Harmony township, in Chatauqua county, New York, September 27, 1842, son of Lester and Mary Ann (Preston) Hobart, natives of that same state, who spent all their lives there.

Joseph Hobart was reared on the home farm in New York and in 1862, before he was twenty years of age, enlisted for service during the Civil War in Company F, One Hundred and Twelfth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and served for two years and three months, or until he was honorably discharged on account of permanent disability, his left arm having been shattered during the battle of Cold Harbor. The greater part of Mr. Hobart's service was performed with his regiment in Virginia, South

Carolina and Florida, and he participated in a number of important battles, the last of which was the battle of Cold Harbor, where he received the wound which left him a cripple for life, his arm having been so badly shattered that it was necessary to remove about four inches of bone, this operation leaving that arm shorter than the other. Upon receiving his honorable discharge from the army, Mr. Hobart returned to his home in New York and resumed his place on the farm, where he remained until 1870, when he came to Michigan, stopping in Oakland county. A year later he came up into Genesee county and sixteen years later bought the farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which he now owns, at the east edge of the village of Atlas, just beyond the mill pond, and started in to further clear and improve the place, in due time having a very well improved and profitably cultivated farm. When he married he established his home on his farm and lived there until 1900, he and his wife now having a very pleasant and comfortable home in Atlas, where they have lived since that year. Mr. Hobart is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

It was in 1886 that Joseph Hobart was united in marriage to Clarinda Perry, who was born in Grand Blanc township, this county, daughter of Edmund and Clarissa (Wilson) Perry, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Vermont, who for many years were among the best-known and most influential residents of the southern part of Genesee county. Edmund Perry was born in Columbia county, New York, in 1814, son of Edmund and Mercy (Martin) Perry, who came to Michigan in territorial days with their family, being the second family to settle within the borders of Genesee county, and were for years actively identified with the work of developing the interests of the southern part of this county.

The senior Edmund Perry was a native of Rhode Island, an educated Quaker and a man of much quiet force of character and energy, both of mind and body. He was the first person in New York to card wool by machinery and was well established at his home in Columbia county, that state, when, in 1825, he decided to dispose of his place there and come West. In October of that year he and his nephew, Rowland B. Perry, came to Michigan and entered a claim to a tract of "Congress land" in sections 11 and 14 in Grand Blanc township, this county. They then returned to New York and in the following February, Rowland B. Perry, the nephew, started on the return trip out here to the Michigan wilds, driving through, accompanied by Mr. Perry's eldest son, Simon, and his daughter, Eliza, the journey requir-

ing twenty-five days. In September of that same year, 1826, the other members of the Perry family joined those here, a home meanwhile having been prepared in the wilderness, and were thus the second family to settle in this county. By the very nature of things, the senior Edmund Perry became one of the dominant figures in pioneer days in the southern part of this county and his influence ever was for the good, ever being exerted in behalf of the right. At his own expense he built the first school house ever erected in Genesee county and was for years active in pushing the work of the early schools hereabout. In general civic affairs he also took an active part and did much toward getting local government organized on a proper basis in the formative period of the community, among his services in this connection having been that of highway commissioner, in which capacity he laid out roads hereabout in the days when Grand Blanc township extended to Saginaw. He ever was a prominent figure at "log rollings" and house raisings throughout this region and would assist at such neighborly functions miles away from his home. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, two of whom died before the family came to Michigan and one daughter died shortly after the family came here, at the age of sixteen years, but most of the children lived to ripe old ages, though all are now long dead, Edmund Perry, Jr., father of Mrs. Hobart, lacking but three months of being ninety years of age at the time of his death.

The junior Edmund Perry was twelve years old when he came to Michigan with his parents and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Grand Blanc township, becoming a practical farmer and following that vocation all his life. He married Clarissa Wilson, who was born at Marshfield, nine miles from the city of Montpelier, Vermont, in 1822, daughter of Samuel and Keziah (Green) Wilson, the latter of whom was the daughter of a soldier of the Revolution, whose ancestry dated from the landing of the "Mayflower" in this country. Samuel Wilson and his wife moved from Washington county, Vermont, to western New York, where Mrs. Wilson died, after which Samuel Wilson and his children, in 1837, the year in which Michigan was admitted to statehood, came to this state and entered a tract of land from the government in Atlas township, this county, the farm on which Martin Wilson now makes his home. The junior Edmund Perry also was a man of much force of character and a force for good in his community. He helped bring to Genesee county the first printing press ever set up in this county, the press on which was printed the first number of the *Flint River Gazette*, January 26, 1839, that ancient press having been shipped from Buffalo to Detroit and thence hauled through the woods to its

destination in this county. He died in March, 1903, being then, as noted above, almost ninety years of age, and his widow survived him for more than a year, her death occurring in December, 1904, she then being eighty-two years of age.

ALBERT FLETCHER.

Another of the native sons of Genesee county who has found that the life of a general farmer in his native locality is a profitable and pleasant one is Albert Fletcher, now living in retirement in the village of Linden. He was born in this county, September 9, 1849, and is a son of George A. and Elizabeth (Jewett) Fletcher. The father was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, January 22, 1812, and died in 1881. The mother was born in Yorkshire, England, May 31, 1823, and died on March 7, 1882. When six years old her parents brought her to America, locating in Detroit, Michigan. George Fletcher came to Michigan when a young man and worked in the machine shops in Detroit, later locating in Argentine township, Genesee county, sixty years ago, among the pioneers, and here he spent the rest of his life engaged in farming, owning one hundred and sixty acres. He was a strong Republican, and he belonged to the Presbyterian church. He had but two children, Albert and Belle, the latter of whom died when thirteen years old. His father, Jonathan Fletcher, was a native of Lowell, Massachusetts, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. He married Mary Varnum.

Albert Fletcher was educated in the common schools of Linden. On May 7, 1885, he married Carrie Miller, a native of Chili, Monroe county, New York, where her birth occurred on March 21, 1862. She is a daughter of Joseph and Fidelia (Resseguie) Miller, both natives of the state of New York, where they grew up and married. They made their home in Monroe county until 1872, when they came to Michigan, locating in Argentine township, this county, buying a farm, and there they spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring in May, 1909, and hers in 1898. To these parents five children were born, three of whom are now living, namely: Charles, of Detroit; William, of Bay City, and Carrie, wife of Mr. Fletcher. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, a daughter, Grace, who married William Langworthy, who has been engaged in the drug business in Fenton the past six years. Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy are the parents of three children, Fletcher, Harold and Dorothy.

Mr. Fletcher owns a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Argentine township, where he carried on general farming and stock raising successfully for many years, finally retiring from active life and buying property in the village of Linden, where he now lives, moving there seventeen years ago, after spending fifty years on the farm. He is one of the best-known men in that part of the county and has always borne an excellent reputation. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and politically is a Prohibitionist.

DANIEL KURTZ.

Daniel Kurtz, a well-known and substantial farmer of Genesee township, and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres on rural route No. 7, out of Flint, is a native of the state of New York, but has been a resident of this county for about thirty-five years. He was born on a farm in Clarence township, Erie county, New York, July 16, 1855, son of Jacob and Anna (Lieb) Kurtz, both natives of Pennsylvania.

Jacob Kurtz was born at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1813, and was the youngest of the three children born to his parents, the others having been Mrs. Sturkie, who died in Indiana, and Michael Kurtz, of Wooster, Ohio. His father died when he was two years old and his mother later moved to Ohio, settling near Massilon, where he grew to manhood and where he bought forty acres of land. When twenty-four years of age he walked to Clarence, New York, there met Anna Lieb and, in February, 1839, at Williamsville, New York, they were married, the ceremony being performed in the oldest house in Erie county. Anna Lieb was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1818, third in order of birth of the nine children born to her parents, who were married on March 31, 1812. Her mother, before her marriage, was Elizabeth Shue. Her father was a son of Abraham and Barbara (Miller) Lieb, who were married on August 27, 1782, and who were the parents of nine children. When she was nine years of age Anna Lieb moved with her parents from Pennsylvania to Clarence, New York, and there she grew to womanhood. After his marriage, Jacob Kurtz sold his farm in Ohio and bought a sixty-acre farm in Clarence township, Erie county, New York, and later bought an adjoining tract of seventy acres. There he lived until the spring of 1856, when he moved to a nearby farm that belonged to his grandfather and worked both places until his death, about five years later, he then being forty-eight years of age. He and his



Daniel Kurtz.

wife were the parents of nine children, of whom seven grew to maturity, namely: Mrs. Mary A. Freeman, of Mt. Pleasant, this state; Jacob, of Flint, and Elizabeth, Henry, David, Daniel and Abram. The mother of these children died at Mt. Pleasant, this state, October 30, 1888, she then being seventy-one years of age.

Daniel Kurtz grew to manhood on the home farm in Erie county, New York, and from boyhood has been a practical farmer. He completed his schooling in the old academy at Clarence and thereafter taught seven terms of school in his home township, continuing farming during the summers. Early in 1882 he married one of the girls in the neighborhood of his home and on April 7 of that same year he and his bride came to Michigan and settled on the farm in section 20 of Genesee township, this county, where he is still living. He bought the farm from George N. Chittenden, whose father, Nelson Chittenden, one of Genesee county's pioneers, had bought it from the government. Mr. Kurtz brought progressive ideas to bear in the cultivation of his farm and has long been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that part of the county. In addition to his general farming, he has given considerable attention to the raising of cattle for dairy purposes and has done very well. Mr. Kurtz is a Republican and ever since taking up his residence in this county has given his thoughtful attention to local political affairs and has served his township in the capacity of justice of the peace and as overseer of highways. He is a deacon in the Baptist church at Mt. Morris, clerk of the congregation, and has also served as a member of the board of trustees of the same, long having been one of the leaders in church circles thereabout. He also is a member of Genesee Grange No. 808 and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

On January 25, 1882, Daniel Kurtz was united in marriage to Nellie A. Lapp, who was born on a farm in Clarence township, Erie county, New York, August 28, 1860, and who died at her home in this county on April 4, 1892. She was a daughter of Isaac and Martha (Hopkins) Lapp, old settlers of that neighborhood (the latter of whom is still living at the age of eighty-three years, in Williamsville, New York), and who were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are still living. Isaac Lapp, who died in June, 1885, was a son of Abraham and Anna Lapp. To Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz six children were born, namely: Grace B., born on November 10, 1882, who, in May, 1905, married Frank Drake, a well-known young farmer of Genesee township, this county; Raymond L., January 11, 1884, who was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College in 1909 and is

now an engineer at Flint; Loren G., July 28, 1885, who was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College in 1911 and is also an engineer at Flint; John J., August 7, 1887, who was graduated from the Northwestern Medical Institute at Chicago and is now a practicing physician at Otisville, this county, and Clayton, February 9, 1890, who remains on the home farm, a valuable assistant to his father in the management and operation of the same.

CHARLES B. SELLECK.

Charles B. Selleck, justice of the peace in and for Davison township, member of the Davison village council, a well-to-do retired farmer of that township and for years actively identified with the development of that section of the county, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Springfield, in Oakland county, September 14, 1860, son of Charles N. and Maria (Brainard) Selleck, both natives of the state of New York, for many years well-known and prominent residents of this county, who are now living retired at Davison.

Charles N. Selleck was born on a farm in Onandaga county, New York, July 25, 1832, son of James H. and Minerva (Hubbard) Selleck, who had moved there from the neighborhood of Salisbury, Connecticut, and who came to Michigan in territorial days, back in 1836, and settled on a homestead farm about four miles north of Clarkston, in Independence township, Oakland county, where they made their home for many years, later coming to Genesee county, moving thence, after awhile, to Lapeer county, where they remained until about 1850, when they returned to Genesee county, locating on a farm north of Flint, where James H. Selleck died in 1872. His widow died the next year, 1873, at Hawley. Until he was fifteen years of age Charles N. Selleck, who was about four years old when his parents came to Michigan, remained with his parents and then he began working on his own account as a farmer. In 1859 he married Maria Brainard, of Lapeer, who was born at Wales, New York, and who, when but a child, had come to this state with her parents, Philo and Parmelia (Roberts) Brainard, who first located near Almont, but later moved to Lapeer, where Philo Brainard was for years thereafter engaged in the jewelry business. Following their marriage, Charles N. Selleck and his wife moved to Springfield from Lapeer and lived there until 1861, when they moved to Flint, where Mr. Selleck was for about ten years engaged in draying. He then

engaged in contract work for the city and it was he who put in the first gas mains laid in the city of Flint. He also fitted the first two houses that were piped for gas in that city. In 1873 he was appointed superintendent of the farm of the state institute for the deaf and was thus engaged for eleven years, at the end of which time he located in Richfield township, this county, and engaged in farming on his own behalf. About eleven years later he retired and moved to the village of Mt. Morris, where he lived for five years, at the end of which time, in 1910, he moved to Davison, where he since has made his home. While at Mt. Morris, Mr. Selleck served as trustee of that village for two terms and has also served one term as trustee at Davison. He and his wife are the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch is the first-born, the others being as follow: Mrs. Flora Hill, who lives in the southeast corner of Genesee township; Robert W., of Flint; Mrs. Lillian Branch, of Bay City; Mrs. Estella Johnson, of Spokane, Washington, and Mrs. Gertrude Parmerter, of Flint.

Charles B. Selleck was two years old when his parents moved from Springfield to Flint and in the latter city he grew to manhood. When about twenty-five years of age he bought a farm of forty acres in Richfield township and began farming on his own account. In 1888 he married and established his home on that farm and as he prospered in his farming operations bought more land until he became the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he still owns. In February, 1912, he retired from the farm and moved to the village of Davison, where he since has made his home and where he is very pleasantly situated. While living in Richfield township he served for some time as justice of the peace and after moving to Davison was elected a member of the village council. He also recently was elected justice of the peace and is now serving in both these public capacities.

Mr. Selleck has been twice married. It was in 1888 that he was united in marriage to Myrtle Moore, who was born in Richfield township, this county, daughter of Wallace and Louisa (Moore) Moore, who came to Michigan from the Rochester section of New York state and settled in Genesee county, becoming substantial residents of Richfield township. To that union two children were born, sons both, Jesse L. and Henry W. Jesse L. Selleck, who lives on the old Moore farm in Richfield township, married Maggie Maxfield and has one child, a daughter, Irene. Henry W. Selleck, who lives on another part of the Moore farm, married Edna Maxfield and has two children, Arnold and Myrtle. Mrs. Myrtle Selleck died

on August 28, 1911, and on April 17, 1912, Mr. Selleck married Mrs. Ella (Hall) Selleck, who was born at Metamora, in Oakland county, this state, daughter of John D. and Lucy E. (Morrison) Hall, who came to Michigan from New York state and settled on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Metamora, where Mrs. Hall died about 1876, after which Mr. Hall went West, where he remained about twenty years, at the end of which time he returned to Michigan and his last days were spent in the home of Mrs. Selleck, his death occurring in 1900, about five years after his return from the West, he then being eighty-seven years of age. Mrs. Selleck was first married in 1876 to William H. Selleck, a cousin of Charles B. Selleck, who was born in this county, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Tripp) Selleck, and who followed farming at Pinconning, in Bay county, until his death in 1909. Charles B. Selleck is a member of the local lodges of the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Grangers, while both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Daughters of Rebekah and the Gleaners, in the affairs of all of which organizations they take a warm interest.

CHANCY N. STREETER.

To the person who closely applies himself to any occupation which he has chosen as his calling in life, there can only come one result, that of success and a high place in the esteem of those among whom his lot has been cast. One such is Chancy N. Streeter, farmer of Montrose township, this county. He was born here on February 11, 1861, and has been content to spend his life in his native locality, where his parents, William and Catharine (Marion) Streeter, were pioneers. The father was born in Genesee county, New York, August 4, 1804, and there he grew up and was married and there two of his children were born. In his earlier career he was a sailor for three years and was captain of the first boat that passed through the Erie canal; also was an officer on the boat that first established navigation between the clear water of the Great Lakes and the salt water of the ocean, through that canal. He finally came West, settling in Monroe county, Michigan, buying a farm near Bald Eagle Lake, where he also conducted a tavern. He erected the first brick building in Flint, in which place he lived about eleven years, finally selling out there and buying a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Richfield township, later moving to Montrose township and buying forty acres, where W. C. Bailey now lives. Still later he

bought one hundred and sixty acres on the river, where he farmed for some time. He was the first postmaster in Montrose township, when there were but six voters in the township—two Republicans and four Democrats. He was a Republican, and, using his influence on the day of the first election, he changed the political views of one of the Democrats, who voted with the Republicans. Since then the township has always been Republican. His son, Chancy N. Streeter has in his possession the first ballot-box used in the township. William Streeter was influential in public affairs for many years. He served as a member of the school board, as drainage commissioner, as township treasurer and as justice of the peace. In religion he was a Universalist. He spent the last few years of his life in retirement, his death occurring in 1888, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His wife, Catherine Marion, was born in Genesee county, New York, in October, 1817, and there she spent her earlier years. Her death occurred in December, 1897, at the age of eighty-nine. To these parents thirteen children were born, two of whom died in infancy, and James when thirteen years old. Those surviving to maturity were as follow: Jerome Henry, deceased; Frances, who married James Smith, now deceased, and lives in Saginaw county, Michigan; Susan Ann, the wife of Thomas Hanley, of Gladwin county, this state; George Wellington lives in Chicago, where he is captain of the naval district of lake Michigan; Marion, deceased, who was the wife of Duncan McGulinay, of Montrose township; Jay Thomas, deceased; May Douglas, who resides in Kansas City, Kansas; Ellen, the wife of Lathrop Johnson, of Montrose township; Laura, deceased, and Chancy N., the subject of this sketch.

Chancy N. Streeter grew up on the farm and received his education in the district schools of Montrose township. He remained at home until his marriage on February 11, 1885, to Augusta Hicks, who was born in Vienna, Genesee county, October 28, 1864, a daughter of William B. and Nancy (Brant) Hicks. The father was born near Sandusky, Ohio, about 1833, and there he resided until moving to Livingston county, Michigan, where he farmed a few years, then moved to Vienna township, Genesee county, later locating in the village of Flushing, where he spent thirty years, then sold out and bought a home in the township of Montrose, where he spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of five children, namely: Hiram D., who lives in Midland, Midland county; Charles, deceased; Francis, who died when eighteen years old; Della, the wife of William Duff, and Augusta, wife of Mr. Streeter. Mr. and Mrs. Streeter have one child,

a daughter, Effie Streeter, born on March 1, 1886, who married Charles Blake and has two children, Frances and Carl.

After his marriage Mr. Streeter continued farming on the home place which he eventually purchased, one hundred and forty-four acres, later buying eighty acres adjoining. It is all under cultivation and is well improved. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, keeping a large number of cattle of an excellent grade. In 1912 he built a modern residence. Politically, he is a Republican, and has served as justice of the peace. He belongs to Orange lodge.

ELMER H. PENOYER.

Elmer H. Penoyer, one of the well-known and successful citizens of Flushing township, was born at East Saginaw, this state, January 17, 1862, the son of Homer D. and Sarah (Stone) Penoyer.

Homer D. Penoyer was born in Onondaga county, New York, July 27, 1833, son of David Penoyer and wife, who in 1836 came to Michigan, where the father homesteaded a farm on the bank of Flint river, which was the home of the family for many years. The father, David Penoyer, died when Homer was but seven years of age, after which the children were compelled to assist in the making of a living. Homer made his home in Genesee county until he grew to young manhood. He then went to Saginaw and there worked for his brother on the Penoyer farm until his marriage. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years. At the close of his service he returned to Flushing township, where he purchased eighty acres of land in section 14, and where he made his home until he moved to the village of Flushing, where he died on July 16, 1908.

Homer D. Penoyer was married in Saginaw to Sarah Stone, who was born in Oakland county in 1841 and died at her home in Flushing in 1909. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To that union were born three children: Elmer H., Hattie, the wife of William Marshall, of Flint, and Minnie, the wife of Edward Hearn of Jacksonville, Illinois.

Elmer H. Penoyer received his education in the schools of Flushing township, after which he assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he married Flora Marshall, who was born on

December 30, 1866, in Clayton township, where she was educated and lived until her marriage. To this union two children have been born, Harold, a photographer in Saginaw, and Marion, who is in high school at Flushing.

Elmer H. Penoyer, at the death of his father, bought of the heirs the old homestead and there he has since made his home, with the exception of three years when he was in the real estate business at Flint. He has a well-cultivated and well-improved farm. The house has been rebuilt and remodeled and a new barn was erected in 1905. Mr. Penoyer does general farming and is interested in the raising of Durham cattle. He is a staunch Republican and takes an active interest in local politics.

A. E. McDONALD.

To the pioneer more than to any other is civilization indebted for the brightest jewel in its diadem, for it was he who blazed the trail and acted as vanguard for the mighty army of progress that within the past century has conquered Genesee county's wilderness, transforming this section into a fine agricultural region. One of this number is A. E. McDonald, of Thetford township. He was born on a farm in Oxford county, Ontario, December 14, 1846, and is a son of Duncan and Mary (Ellis) McDonald. The father, a Highlander, was born in Scotland, from which country he emigrated to Canada with his parents when a boy, and there grew up and married Mary Ellis, a native of England, from which country she had emigrated as a girl to Canada, with her parents. Duncan McDonald followed the sea for a while after coming to this side and later settled on a farm in Oxford county, Ontario, where he spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of fourteen children, eight of whom are still living, A. E. McDonald being the second in order of birth.

A. E. McDonald grew up on the home farm in Ontario, where he worked when a boy, and he attended the common schools. When nineteen years old he left home and came to Michigan, settling in Huron county, where he worked in the lumber woods in the winter time and on farms in the summer months. He remained in Huron and Lapeer counties about twenty-five years, then came to Genesee county and bought forty acres in Thetford township, where he lived until purchasing the farm on which he now lives, one hundred acres in section 3. He has a good farm, and has made all by his own efforts.

On April 14, 1861, A. E. McDonald was married to Amelia Thrasher,

a daughter of William Thrasher and wife, and to this union six children have been born, five of whom are now living, namely: Hattie, who is the wife of Bert Stuck, of Swartz Creek, this county; Otho, who lives in Thetford township; Belle, the wife of Francis Leonard, of Thetford township, and John, who also lives in Thetford township. One child died in infancy. Mr. McDonald is a Republican and served as highway commissioner of Thetford township for one term.

SAMUEL BRADY.

A farmer, to be successful, must carefully manage his farm and know what he is gaining or losing, and on what branch there is no profit, just the same as the business man of the city manages his business—in a way, he should be a good bookkeeper. One such in Genesee county is Samuel Brady, of Thetford township. He was born on the farm he now owns, on April 7, 1873, and is a son of Charles and Anna (Byer) Brady. The father was born in Germany, and when two years old came with his mother and step-father to the United States. After spending a short time in Wisconsin they moved to Sebewa county, Michigan, and in 1858 located in Genesee county on the farm where Samuel Brady now lives. Charles Brady was married in Wisconsin. He first owned forty acres in this county, then became owner of a farm of forty acres. He helped three of his sons each to forty acres of land. Anna Byer, his wife, was born in Germany, from which country she came to America when nineteen years old, the voyage requiring eleven weeks. She located in Wisconsin where she and Mr. Brady first met. Three sons and four daughters were born to them, namely: Anna, who is the wife of William Finley; Barbara, the wife of Peter Ranklin; Louis, who is farming in Thetford township; John, who also is farming in Thetford township; Louise, wife of Charles Drudg, of Thetford township; Samuel, the subject of this sketch, and Lucinda, wife of June Bartley, of Genesee township.

Samuel Brady was reared on the home farm and was educated in the common schools. He remained at home until his marriage on February 15, 1899, to Minnie Kraus, who was born in Germany, August 9, 1878, from which country she came with her parents to the United States when four years of age, the family locating in Michigan where she grew up and attended the common schools. After his marriage, Mr. Brady located on

the home farm of forty acres and has since bought eighty acres more, where he has since remained and has kept the place, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, well cultivated and under a high state of improvement. He carries on general farming and stock raising. He and his wife have one son, Lawrence S. Brady, born on October 25, 1905. Politically, Mr. Brady is a Republican. He is a member of the Gleaners.

MILO B. HALLIWILL.

Milo B. Halliwill, a well-known retired farmer of this county, now living at Flushing, was born in Summit county, Ohio, August 6, 1857, a son of Joseph Halliwill, born in the same place, March 23, 1825. The elder Halliwill was educated and reared in that county, where he spent his whole life, a farmer by occupation. He died on June 20, 1890.

The paternal grandfather of Milo B. Halliwill was William Halliwill, a native of Pennsylvania, who was among the first settlers in his home township in Summit county, Ohio, having settled there in 1814. He was born in 1772 and died in 1855. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Cox, a native of Pennsylvania, born about 1775, who belonged to a family that was prominent in the early history of the United States, one of the family having been a prominent member of Congress. She died in 1876 at an advanced age. William and Elizabeth Halliwill were the parents of sixteen children, thirteen of whom lived to ripe old ages, and one of whom, A. O. Halliwill, is still living in Michigan. One of the sons of this family served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War.

On January 23, 1852, Joseph Halliwill was married to Elizabeth Battles, who was born in New York, October 23, 1833, and was reared and educated there. To that union two children were born, Milo B. and Levi, born on December 23, 1860, who is now living in Ohio. The mother died in November, 1884. She was a daughter of James Battles, who was born in Ireland and who came to the United States, where he lived to the age of seventy-seven. His wife's maiden name was Prudence Pardee, born in Connecticut. After marriage at her home in that state she moved with her husband to Medina county, Ohio, being among the early settlers in that county. She died at her home in that county, about 1842. James Battles and wife were the parents of four children, Rose, James, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Milo B. Halliwill received his education in the Richfield central school,

graduating from the high school in the spring of 1879. He then engaged in farming in Ohio, where he remained for four years. In the spring of 1884 he came to Michigan and was engaged in farming for about eight years. On account of the poor health of his wife he sold his farm and removed to Flushing. Later he purchased another farm adjacent to the town, and operated the same by hired labor. On December 25, 1879, he married Hattie A. Freeman, born in April, 1858, in West Richfield, Ohio, a daughter of Milton R. Freeman, a farmer of Flushing township, this county, for thirty years. He was born in 1836 and died on January 19, 1900. He was a son of Rufus Freeman, a native of central Ohio, and a pioneer preacher and farmer of Medina county. The maiden name of his wife was Clarissa St. John, born in Medina county, Ohio. Milton R. Freeman, father of Mrs. Halliwill, married Ruth Oviatt, who was born on February 27, 1836, and who died on January 7, 1914. To that union were born five children, four of whom are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Halliwill have one daughter, Mrs. F. P. Sayre, the wife of a prominent lawyer of Flushing. Mr. and Mrs. Halliwill are both members of the Baptist church and Mr. Halliwill has been a member of the board of trustees of the church for many years. He is a Republican and was postmaster, appointed during the McKinley administration, and held the office for sixteen years. In 1879 he received from Mr. McKinley, then a congressman from Ohio, an appointment to the West Point Military Academy, but on account of his mother's poor health he was unable to go. Mr. Halliwill's fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of Pythias.

WILLIAM T. WRIGHT.

Such decidedly different methods have to be employed in coaxing from Mother Earth the grains, fruit and vegetables by which we live that the expert farmer of one country would be a decided failure in another; and many years are often required to become properly acquainted with the methods of successful agriculture in any land and clime. One of the successful farmers of Genesee county is William T. Wright, of Montrose township. He was born in Toronto, Canada, July 4, 1855, and is a son of Thomas Wright, who was born in London, England, November 15, 1834. When a young man he emigrated to Canada, where he worked as a blacksmith. His father accompanied him to the New World, his mother having

died previously in England, when Thomas was very small. His father, Thomas Wright, Sr., was also a blacksmith by trade, and he spent the rest of his life in Toronto. Thomas Wright, Jr., came to Michigan in October, 1855, locating in Oakland county, where he spent about sixteen years; then located in Wayne county, where he resided about eight years, after which he moved to Muskegon, where his death occurred in September, 1905. He devoted most of his active life to farming, but the last twenty-five years was spent in the employ of the Thayer Lumber Company, of Muskegon, Michigan. He was a Democrat and was a member of the Methodist church. He married Ann Foster, who was born in London, England, in 1836. Her parents remained in that city, but she emigrated to Canada with two brothers, who later returned to London, but she met and married Mr. Wright in Toronto. To Thomas Wright, Jr., and wife nine children were born, namely: William T., the subject of this sketch; Edith, born in 1857, who married George Tibbets, a millwright, of Big Rapids, Michigan; George, deceased; Nettie, who died when young; Charles L., who lives in Louisiana, where he is in the employ of the Southern-Chicago Lumber Company; Jennie, who married Emory Van Valkenburg, who is engaged by a lumber firm in Northville, Michigan; Elizabeth, who died in early life; Harrison, a lumber dealer in Noxapater, Mississippi, and Cecil, who lives in Lumberton, Louisiana, where he is working with his brother, Charles.

William T. Wright grew up on the farm and received his education in the public schools of Oakland and Wayne counties. He worked out as a farm hand until his marriage in 1877, after which he located in Montrose township, this county, operating the Hulburt farm for ten years, then moved to eighty acres, which he purchased in section 10. It was covered with timber, which he cleared and there engaged in farming until 1910, when he sold out and bought land in section 15, where he still resides and where he is engaged principally in growing small fruits. He has made what he has by honest, hard and persistent work and is now very comfortably fixed and his place is well improved.

On February 20, 1877, William T. Wright was married to Ida J. Westfall, who was born in Wayne county, Michigan, April 13, 1857. She is a daughter of Simon and Jane (Heath) Westfall, pioneers of Wayne county, where they lived many years on a farm, but died in Genesee county, where they spent the closing years of their lives. They were parents of five children, namely: William H., who is engaged in farming in Montrose township; Minnie, the wife of Frank Waterman, of Montrose; Ida J., who mar-

ried Mr. Wright; Elsie, who married Richard Eckles, a farmer in Saginaw county, and John, who died in Montrose township. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright, namely: Leonard W., born on March 17, 1878, who lives at home and is engaged in farming; one who died in infancy; Edith, born in 1881, who died on November 3, 1898; Anna, born in 1883, who married David Smith, of Montrose township; Nettie, born in April, 1885, who married Earl Hicks, of Montrose; Jennie, born in 1887, who married Edwin Hart, of Flushing township; Grace, born in 1889, who married Henry Daily, of Vienna township, and Clair, born in 1892, who died on August 8, 1909.

Mr. Wright is a Republican and has served as highway commissioner for the past nine years, and has been justice of the peace three different terms. He was commissioner when more than half of the township was owned by non-residents. He is a member of the Masonic order at Montrose and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Gleaners. He attends and helps support the Methodist church at Montrose.

WILLIAM J. LEACH.

William J. Leach, a well-known and progressive farmer of Davison, proprietor of a fine little farm of sixty-six acres one mile south of that village and for years actively interested in the general development of that community, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Atlas township, November 4, 1860, son of George and Anna (Blackmore) Leach, both natives of England, who became early and influential residents of Genesee county, where their last days were spent.

George Leach was born in Gloucestershire, England, in 1829, and when seventeen years old came to the United States. After some time spent in New York state he returned to England, but presently returned to New York and at Newstead, in that state, married Anna Blackmore, who was born in Devonshire, England, February 4, 1831, daughter of William and Charity (Gould) Blackmore. When she was about seventeen years old Anna Blackmore came to the United States, preceding her parents, who came over in 1850, and settled at Newstead, in New York state. About 1854 William Blackmore, with his wife and several of their children, came to Michigan, settling in Davison township, this county, where he and his

wife spent the rest of their lives. For some time after their marriage, George Leach and his wife remained in New York and their first child was born there. In the middle fifties they came to Genesee county and located in Davison township, where for some time George Leach was engaged in working for others. In 1858 he bought a small farm in the southwestern part of Davison township, not far from the village of Atlas, and later bought ninety-six acres adjoining his place, just over the line in Atlas township, and there he established his home and became a very successful farmer. When he bought his farm it was wild, uncultivated land, covered with timber, and he cleared it and brought it to a fine state of cultivation, becoming one of the most substantial farmers in that neighborhood. Mr. Leach was a man of much strength of character, firm in his convictions, and was a potent influence for good in the early days of that part of the country. In 1900 he retired from the farm and moved to the village of Davison, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on June 29, 1914, he then being eighty-five years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave some years, her death having occurred on April 30, 1911, at the age of eighty. They reared eight children, namely: Sarah, wife of Lucius Knowles, of Davison; Addie, wife of James H. Baxter, of Davison; Elbert, who died in March, 1908; George, Clarence and Frank, of Atlas; Mrs. F. B. Hatch, of Ann Arbor, this state, and William J., the subject of this biographical sketch.

William J. Leach remained on the home farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-one, when he bought an eighty-acre farm in Gaines township and there established his home. That farm was merely a woods clearing and the task of ridding it of stumps and bringing it under cultivation was no small one. Seven years later he sold the place to advantage and bought a farm in Davison township, four miles south of the village of Davison and there made his home until the spring of 1907, when he bought a comfortable modern home on South State street, Davison, where he moved and is now living. He also bought a farm of sixty-six acres one mile south of Davison the same spring. In 1910 he bought another small farm of forty-five acres inside the corporation of the village and has since given his attention to the cultivation and development of the two farms and has them well improved. In the spring of 1912 he sold the farm four miles south of town.

Mr. Leach has been twice married. It was in 1881 that he was united in marriage to Arvilla Hill, who was born in Davison township, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Hill and a sister of Philip P. Hill, a biographical

sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume. She died in June, 1897, without issue, and in 1900 Mr. Leach married his deceased wife's niece, Edith Hill, who was born and reared in Davison township, daughter of Philip P. and Eliza (Mann) Hill, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Bernard, born on October 9, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Leach have a very pleasant home in Davison and take a proper part in the various social and cultural activities of their home town.

IRA W. COLE.

Ira W. Cole, supervisor of Davison township, former treasurer of that township; former member of the village council at Davison and for some time a resident of that village; a well-known and well-to-do farmer of that township, proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres on rural route No. 3, out of Davison, and for years actively identified with the best interests of that community, is a native son of Genesee county, and has lived here all his life. He was born on the farm where he now lives, one mile east of the village of Davison, February 19, 1868, son of Nathaniel and Mary E. (Potter) Cole, both natives of the state of New York and early settlers in this part of Michigan, where their last days were spent.

Nathaniel Cole was born in Monroe county, New York, October 31, 1824, son of Nathaniel White and Mary (Peters) Cole, both natives of that same state, the former born in Watertown, Jefferson county, and the latter in Wayne county, who came to Michigan in early days and settled in Lenawee county, where the wife died in 1832, leaving the husband with several small children. These children were sent back to New York to make their home with kinsfolk, but about 1840 Nathaniel W. Cole came over into Genesee county and bought a farm in Davison township. He then gathered his children about him again, established his home in this county and here spent the remainder of his life. Nathaniel Cole was about sixteen years old when he joined his father in this county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Davison township. On March 2, 1851, he married Mary E. Potter, who was born in New York, a daughter of Ira and Clarissa (Train) Potter, natives of that same state, the former of whom was born on May 16, 1792, and the latter, February 22, 1793, who came to Michigan in 1836 and settled at Black River, where they lived for two years, at the end of which time they moved to Kearsley Mills, in Genesee county.

After spending a year there, Ira Potter cut his way through the woods to the lake in the northeast part of Davison township, the toilsome journey requiring two days of arduous labor, and there established his home, that lake bearing to this day the name of Potters Lake, in his honor. His sons cleared a lot of land in that part of the county and became a numbered among the best-known citizens of Genesee county.

After his marriage, Nathaniel Cole located on a quarter of a section of land near where his son, Ira W. Cole, now lives, east of Davison, and there established his home. A part of that land he later sold, but on the remainder spent the rest of his life, a well-known and influential pioneer farmer. Though not particularly active in politics, Nathaniel Cole took an earnest interest in local civic affairs and for some time served as treasurer of the township. His wife was a member of the Baptist church and both were active in local good works. He died on August 10, 1891, and she survived him nearly three years, her death occurring on July 11, 1894. They were the parents of three children, Ira, who died in early childhood; Ira W., the subject of this review, who lives on the old home farm, and Mercy Ann, wife of John F. Cartwright, of Davison.

Ira W. Cole was reared on the farm on which he was born, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood school, and remained there until his marriage in 1889, a valued assistant to his father in the labor of developing and improving the home place. After his marriage he and J. F. Cartwright, his brother-in-law, formed a partnership and were engaged in operating a grain elevator at Davison until 1908, in which year they sold the elevator, Mr. Cole remaining for some time in the employ of the new concern. In the spring of 1915 he returned to his farm and since then has devoted his attention to farming and the general development and improvement of his place, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, the same being reckoned as one of the best farms in that part of the county. Mr. Cole is a Republican and in 1911 was elected supervisor of Davison township and in 1916 was again elected to that office. He also served two two-year terms as township treasurer, his first term of service in that office beginning in 1899 and the second in 1914. He has always taken an active part in the affairs of his party in this county and during his residence in the village served as a member of the council and for one year as president of the village.

Mr. Cole has been twice married. It was in 1889 that he was married to Alice Dillenbeck, who was reared in Goodrich, this county. Her parents came here from New York and settled in Goodrich, where Mr. Dillen-

beck died, and where his widow, Mrs. Hattie Cheney Dillenbeck, later married a Mr. Henderson, who died some years ago, and she is still living at Goodrich. To Ira W. and Alice (Dillenbeck) Cole three children were born, Ray and Roy (twins) and Ida, all of whom died in childhood. The mother of these children died in August, 1909, and on March 10, 1915, Mr. Cole married Ruby E. Wadsworth, who was born at Lapeer, this state, daughter of Albert and Martha (Ruby) Wadsworth, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Michigan. Albert Wadsworth came to Michigan when a young man and settled at Lapeer, where he married Martha Ruby, who was born at Utica, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth still live at Lapeer, where the former is successfully engaged in the plumbing business. Before her marriage, Mrs. Cole was a printer, a compositor in newspaper offices at Lapeer, Imlay and Davison. Mr. Cole is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Daughters of Rebekah, and Mrs. Cole is a member of the Lady Maccabees, both taking an active part in the general social affairs of the neighborhood in which they live.

FRED HOVEY.

Fred Hovey, a well-known and substantial farmer of Genesee township, owner of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres in the northern part of that township and for many years one of the most active factors in the development of the interests of that part of the county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born, February 18, 1851, on a pioneer farm in section 2 of Genesee township, the farm on which he now lives and where he has spent all his life. He is the son of George W. and Lucinda (Snyder) Hovey, both natives of Genesee county, New York, who came to Michigan in the middle forties and spent the rest of their lives in this county, useful and influential residents of the Genesee neighborhood.

George W. Hovey was born on January 19, 1814, and grew to manhood on a farm in Genesee county, New York, where he was born. There he married, in 1842, Lucinda Snyder, who was born in that same county on March 14, 1815, of German descent, and in 1844 came to Michigan and located in this county. Upon coming here, George W. Hovey bought four hundred acres of timber land in sections 1, 2 and 12 of Genesee township and on his tract in section 2 he established his home, erecting a house of



MR. AND MRS. FRED HOVEY.

planks and logs, held together by wooden pegs, nails hereabout not only being very scarce but expensive in those days. He bought his land from George Dewey, who at that time owned a large tract of land in this county, for the purpose of lumbering, and immediately after getting settled on his place erected a saw-mill on Butternut creek, running through his tract in section 1, and for twenty years ran that mill, until he not only had exhausted his available supply of timber, but had worn the mill completely out. As the pioneer lumber man in that district, George W. Hovey furnished practically all the lumber that entered into the construction of the old houses in that part of the county, many of which houses are still standing and in excellent condition. Upon closing his mill on the Butternut, Mr. Hovey went over to the village of Genesee or Geneseeville, as it was called in those days, where his eldest son, William Hovey, had started a saw-mill, and remained with his son, as a sort of mill supervisor, until the latter's death in 1871, after which he returned to his old home and there spent the rest of his life. He was a Republican, ever took an earnest part in local political affairs and for years was the director of the school in his district. He helped build the old Congregational church in that neighborhood, of which he and his wife were faithful attendants, and was ever helpful in all neighborhood good works. Mrs. Hovey died in 1889 and Mr. Hovey survived her ten years, his death occurring in May, 1899. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: William, born in April, 1843, for years a well-known lumberman at Geneseeville, who died in 1871; Martha, 1845, who married David Flynn, now a retired farmer living at Lafayette; Charles M., 1847, who is engaged in the insurance business at Detroit, and Emily C., 1849, now living in California, who married N. M. Richardson, who died in 1914.

Fred Hovey was reared on the old home farm, following the course of schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home by a year in the high school at Flint, after which he engaged in farming on his own account and cleared practically all of the tract of three hundred and twenty acres which he has owned for years, a part of the old home tract. He has lived there all his life, a period of sixty-five years, during which time he has witnessed the wonderful development that has marked this region since his boyhood days. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Hovey has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done very well, for many years having been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers

in that part of the county. In his political views Mr. Hovey holds himself independent of party and has never been an aspirant for public office.

On December 8, 1872, when he was twenty-one years old, Fred Hovey was united in marriage to Stella Snell, who was born in Genesee county, New York, March 16, 1852, daughter of Edward and Mary (Wicking) Snell, natives of England, who came to the United States and for a short time lived in Genesee county, New York, later, about 1853, coming to Michigan and settling in Shiawassee county, where Mrs. Snell died in 1865. Later Edward Snell went to California, where he spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. Hovey was the first-born, the others being, William, of California; George, also of California, and Edwin, a carpenter at Flint, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hovey, the latter of whom died on January 8, 1908, eight children were born, namely: Lena, born on May 1, 1874, who married Clarence Williams, of Flint, and died on January 13, 1914; Roy, December 15, 1875, now living in California; William, April 25, 1877, a well-known farmer of Forest township, this county; Floyd, November 27, 1880, a mechanic, living at Lansing; Rex, July 23, 1882, who died on September 2 of that same year; Nellie A., August 14, 1884, who married Albert Young, a mechanic, living at Flint; Josephine, February 1, 1887, who married Dale Rhoades and is living on the old home farm with her father, and Morey K., April 26, 1890, a mechanic and foreman of a manufacturing plant at Flint.

ALBERT J. BRABAZON.

Among the farmers of Thetford township, this county, who is progressive in his ideas, and in connection with his sound judgment and foresight has the proper industry and perseverance to make his chosen life work a success, is Albert J. Brabazon, who was born in the above-named township and county, March 25, 1853, on the farm settled by his parents, John and Wealthy (Skinner) Brabazon. The father was born in Cheshire, England, where he lived until he was about twenty-four years old, then went to London, where he studied medicine four years, but not liking the profession he came to America and bought a farm in Oakland county, Michigan, where he married Wealthy Skinner. They moved to Thetford township, this county, in 1838, thus being among the early pioneers, and bought eighty acres, which Mr. Brabazon cleared and farmed, remaining there until his

death in the spring of 1864, at the age of fifty-three years, his son, Albert J., being eleven years old at the time. He was one of six children, five of whom grew to maturity, but he is the only survivor. They were named as follow: Lois Ann, deceased, who was the wife of Gilbert Perry; Mary Grace, deceased, who was the wife of John Woolfitt; Thomas Edward, who was a soldier in Company I, Tenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War who died in the service; Charlotte M., deceased, who was the wife of Charles Rathbone; Joseph William, who died when fifteen years of age, and Albert J., the subject of this sketch.

Albert J. Brabazon grew up on the home farm and attended the district schools. He was married on March 11, 1878, to Alvira Coolidge, daughter and only child of Moses D. and Mary (Veach) Coolidge, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts, where he lived until he was twenty-one years old, when he came to Michigan, locating in Davison township, Genesee county, where he met and married Mary Veach. In 1862 he enlisted in an infantry regiment of Michigan volunteers and served for some time in the Civil War, was taken prisoner and died at Andersonville prison. His widow married W. O. Boughton, and they lived on her farm one year, then moved to Thetford township, where she spent the rest of her life, but his death occurred in Mt. Morris. Six children were born to them, namely: W. W., who lives in Detroit; Hattie, the wife of Arthur Miller, of Flint; Lewis, who lives in Flint; Claire, who lives in Detroit; Albert, who died after reaching manhood, and Mattie, wife of Earl May, of Sandusky, Michigan.

After his marriage Albert J. Brabazon lived on the old home place fifteen years, then, in 1893, sold out and bought his present farm of eighty acres, known as "Cloverleaf Farm," in Thetford township, where he has since resided. His family consists of six children, namely: Edward W., born on July 26, 1880, who completed his schooling in the Michigan Agricultural College, married Jennie Johnson, and is now a farmer of Thetford township; Eva May, September 17, 1882, the wife of Roy Brown, of Flint; Byron M., May 11, 1885, who married Eva Smith, and now lives in South Dakota; Linnie A., April 9, 1888, a nurse, who lives at Flint; Mabel A., March 11, 1890, wife of Neal Galbraith, of Thetford township, and Clinton A., March 20, 1894, who married Cleta French.

Mr. Brabazon is a Democrat and is an active worker in his party. He served two years as township treasurer and was elected township supervisor for thirteen consecutive terms, serving from 1888 to 1901. He has

also served as school director for a number of years and as a member of the board of review. He is a member of the Methodist church at Clio and of the local arbor of Gleaners, of the Grange and of Vienna Lodge No. 205, Free and Accepted Masons, at Clio.

MYRON HARRIS.

One of the oldest citizens of Genesee county is Myron Harris, a pioneer of this section of the state and for many years a leading business man of Linden, in which town he is now living retired, spending the December of his years quietly and in the midst of plenty, on his small farm. He is widely known in this locality and bears a reputation that is unassailable.

Myron Harris was born near Pontiac, Michigan, January 22, 1830, and is therefore now in his eighty-seventh year, but is well preserved, having lived a clean and careful life and kept a good conscience. He is a son of Heman and Lucy (Bancroft) Harris. Joseph Harris, the grandfather, came to Michigan in a very early day from the state of New York, and homesteaded land in Oakland county, which he cleared and on which he farmed the rest of his life. He married Esther Ives. Joseph Bancroft, the maternal grandfather, was a native of New England, and he also came to Michigan in pioneer days, locating on a farm near Pontiac, where he and his wife, whose maiden name was Warner, spent the rest of their lives. She died first and he married a second time.

Heman Harris grew up on the farm and attended school in a log school house in Oakland county. He devoted most of his active life to farming, owning seventy acres near Linden, Genesee county, having come to this locality when young and when it was sparsely settled. He finally rented his farm and moved to the village of Linden. His wife, Lucy Bancroft, was a native of the state of New York. To these parents the following children were born: Myron, the subject of this sketch; Abigail, deceased; Esther, deceased; Warner, deceased, and Lucy, the youngest. Heman Harris was twice married, his last wife having been known in her maidenhood as Mary Carter. That union was without issue. The death of Heman Harris occurred in October, 1850. He had settled in Genesee county in 1836.

Myron Harris grew up on the home farm, amid a pioneer environment, and he received a common-school education in Linden. He engaged in farming for a time in his earlier career, but sold his farm and now owns

only twenty acres, which join the village of Linden. He has a patent from the government for the old home place in Oakland county. He engaged in the general hardware business in Linden for a period of twenty years, then was burned out. From 1884 to 1900 he engaged in the manufacture of wagons under the firm name of the Linden Wagon Company, enjoying a large business, owing to the excellent quality and workmanship of his wagons, which found a very ready market all over this part of the country. He was also in the furnace business five or six years. He has been very successful in a business way, having been energetic, a good manager and dealt honestly with his fellow-men. He has lived in his present house since 1845, over seventy years. It is one of the oldest houses now standing in Linden and vicinity and he is the oldest citizen in that locality. Mrs. Sarah M. Judson is his housekeeper. He has never married. He was formerly a Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist. He is highly respected by all who know him.

GEORGE M. GAYLORD.

George M. Gaylord, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Davison township, this county, now living at Davison, where for the past nine or ten years he has been engaged as local field man for the Owosso Sugar Beet Company, is a native of Massachusetts, but has been a resident of Michigan since he was sixteen years of age. He was born at North Hadley, Massachusetts, August 2, 1861, son of George and Electa (Morton) Boice, but was adopted, after the death of his parents, by Charles Gaylord and wife, hence his present name of Gaylord.

Both George Boice and his wife were natives of Massachusetts, of old New England stock, George Boice having been born at North Hadley, of Scottish descent, the founder of his family in this country having settled in New England in Colonial days. Electa Morton was of French ancestry, the founder of her family having come over with the Pilgrims in the very early days of the New England settlement. In 1861 George Boice enlisted for service during the Civil War in the Twenty-seventh Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years, at the end of which period of enlistment he re-enlisted, was taken prisoner by the enemy and died in Andersonville prison in 1864. A month or two later, on September 26, 1864, his widow died at her home in North Hadley, leaving five children, four daughters and the little son, George, the last-born, who was but

three years old. In the following April George M. Boice was adopted by Charles and Jane (Cook) Gaylord, of Old Hadley, Massachusetts, who came to Michigan about the year 1877, and located in the vicinity of Lapeer. Mr. Gaylord rented a farm there, the tract on which the Michigan state school for the feeble-minded is now located, and there he made his home for several years, at the end of which time he moved back to Massachusetts. George M. Gaylord, however, remained at Lapeer, where he was working in a sash, door and blind factory, and where he married in 1883. Six years after his marriage he and his family came to Genesee county, locating in Davison county, where for several years Mr. Gaylord was engaged in farming on a rented farm. In 1896 he bought a farm of eighty acres in section 16 of that township, and there established his home. As his operations prospered he bought other land adjoining and now is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres in sections 16 and 22. In 1911 Mr. Gaylord retired from the active labors of the farm, turning the management of the same over to his younger son, and moved to Davison, where he and his wife have since made their home. In 1914 he built a fine, modern brick residence in the village and he and his wife are very pleasantly located there. Since 1907 Mr. Gaylord has been local field man for the Owosso Sugar Beet Company, and since retiring from the farm has given practically all his attention to the affairs of that company. He is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Order of Gleaners, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of these organizations.

On February 8, 1883, George W. Gaylord was married to Martha Pattison, who was born in Wayne county, this state, in the vicinity of Detroit, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Seabury) Pattison, natives of the north of Ireland, of Scottish descent, who came to the United States, residing for a time in the vicinity of the city of Albany, New York, after which, during the days of the Civil War, they came to Michigan and settled near Detroit. Thomas Pattison sought enlistment in the Union army during the war, but was rejected on account of an asthmatic affection. He had brothers, however, who gave their services to their adopted country during that struggle. About 1878 the Pattison family settled in the near vicinity of Lapeer, Mr. Pattison renting a farm that is now within the city limits of Lapeer and were living there at the time of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord. Not long afterward the Pattisons came to this county and Mr. Pattison engaged in farming in Davison township, where he died on August 22, 1889. His widow survived him but two years, her death occurring in August, 1891. They were members of the Episcopal church and were

charter members of the church of that denomination at Lapeer. To Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord two sons have been born: George B., born in October, 1884, who is now engaged in the automobile business at Minneapolis, Minnesota, manager of the branch office there of the Elcar Motor Company, of Elkhart, Indiana, and Thomas M., born in March, 1887, who is now engaged in operating his father's farm in Davison township. Thomas M. Gaylord married Myrtle Kitchen, and they have three children, Howard W., Dora M. and Marian.

GEORGE F. STEHLE.

One of the best methods to keep the soil from becoming depleted of its natural strength is by proper rotation of crops. Some farmers grow too much grain and not enough grass on their land, especially if it is old land. George F. Stehle, living near Linden, is one of the farmers of Genesee county who properly rotates his crops and keeps the soil of his fields in proper tilth and strength. He was born in Oakland county, Michigan, August 30, 1856, a son of Francis X. and Sarah (Day) Stehle. Demion Stehle, the grandfather, was born in Trillinger, Germany, where he grew up and married and operated a grist mill there for some time, finally immigrating with his family to America, locating in Wayne county, Michigan, on a small farm. Grandfather George Day, was a native of England, from which country he came to the United States and located in Oakland county, Michigan. Francis X. Stehle was born in Germany, where he spent his boyhood, coming to America a year or two previous to his parents, and locating in Oakland county, Michigan, where he spent most of his later life. He was a millwright by trade, which he followed mostly for a livelihood. He also owned a saw-mill for some time. His death occurred in 1913. His wife died in 1878. Eleven children were born to these parents, namely: Anna, Sarah, George, Allen, John, Evelyn, Herbert, Andrew, Edward, Ulrich and Joseph.

George Stehle was reared in Oakland county, where he received his education in the public schools. In 1886 he married Lettie Ripley, a daughter of Myron Ripley, a pioneer of Genesee county. To this union two children have been born, Frank, born on December 3, 1895, and Reuben, May 20, 1898.

Mr. Stehle has always followed general farming. He owns forty-five acres north of Linden, but he rents a farm of two hundred and forty acres

west of Linden, in Fenton township. He is a good worker and manager and handles considerable live stock, specializing in Holstein cattle, partly thoroughbred, also in Poland China hogs. Politically, Mr. Stehle is a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JOEL DIBBLE.

We are always glad to talk to the aged veterans of the Civil War, in which nearly five million men took part, but of this vast number only a comparatively few remain with us to tell the interesting story of the dreadful hardships they endured; but their time is short now, so all persons should join in honoring them for the great service they rendered to succeeding generations. One of the worthy veterans and pioneers of Genesee county is Joel Dibble, of Fenton, now in his eightieth year, and thus perhaps the oldest native-born citizen of his locality. His birth occurred at the village of Fenton, April 7, 1837. He is a son of Clark and Hulda (Bailey) Dibble. Elisa Bailey, the maternal grandfather, was a native of the State of New York, who came to Michigan in an early day and homesteaded one hundred acres of land in Genesee county, two miles west of Fenton, which he later sold and moved then to Calhoun county, this state. Clark Dibble, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, was a native of the state of New York, where he grew up and married, then came to Michigan, in 1832, settling at Whigville and later coming to Genesee county, where he homesteaded forty acres, adjoining what is now the village of Fenton. He established a saw-mill there long before there was any town. The village was first called Dibbleville in his honor. The first night he spent in this vicinity he slept by a log on the bank of the river which runs through the town. He traded with what was known as "Fisher's tribe" of Indians. He had a bar-room where the Indians could drink and sleep. He finally sold his saw-mill and forty acres to a Mr. LeRoy and a Mr. Fenton, whereupon the name of the town was changed to Fenton. Mr. Dibble then bought an inn on White Lake, in Tyron township, Livingston county. Before going to Tyron he had established a hotel at Fenton, where the A. J. Phillips shops now stand. His family consisted of five children, namely: Thomas J., now deceased, who owned the Dibble House in Flint; Joel, the subject of this sketch, and Catherine, Velda and Clark, deceased. The last-named met death while clearing his farm in Tyron township, Livingston county, a tree falling on him.

Joel Dibble, who was the second white child born in Genesee county, grew up amid pioneer conditions, the country for many miles round about being then a veritable wilderness. He was five years old when his father died. He had little chance to obtain an education. He worked hard when young, clearing and developing land and he has devoted his active life to general farming and stock raising. He lives on the property of his deceased brother, Clark, on which place also still resides the latter's widow, Mrs. Hannah Dibble, although he owns a residence and a lot and a half in the eastern part of the village.

After devoting most of his active life to farming Clark Dibble moved to Fenton and engaged there in the grocery and meat business six years. He owned ten acres of land there. He spent the last few years of his life in retirement. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, Eighth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, in which he served faithfully for three years, engaging in many battles, in one of which he was shot in the shoulder. He was born on November 12, 1835, and died on April 25, 1912. He married Hannah M. Gibson, who was born on September 18, 1840, and to their union two children were born, Martha, who married Mark Peck, who is now engaged in the moving-picture business in Fenton, and has three children, Olive, J. C., and Rowena, and Olive, who married Roy Parker, who now runs a general delivery wagon in Fenton, and has one child, Madeline.

In August, 1860, Joel Dibble married Sarah R. Gibson, who was born in Farmington, Michigan, in 1837, and who died in November, 1911. She was a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Wright) Gibson, both natives of Canada, in which country they spent their earlier years, coming to Michigan sixty years ago, and locating with the early settlers in Tyron township, Livingston county, but later moving to Ingram county, locating on a farm, where he and his wife spent their last days, his death occurring in February, 1883; his widow surviving him twenty-five years, reaching an advanced age, and dying in 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. Gibson nine children were born, namely: Sarah, who married Joel Dibble; Amarilla, deceased; Charlotte, who was next in order of birth; Hannah M., who married Clark Dibble, and Lottie, Antoinette, Flora, Melvin (deceased) and Dora. To Joel Dibble and wife three children were born, namely: Fred A., of Flint, who married Ada Burch and has one child, Floyd; Nettie J., who married Walter Joslyn, of Holly, Michigan, and has two children, Bernetta and Henrietta Josephine, and Daisy M., who married Fred Miles, and died twenty-eight years ago.

Joel Dibble enlisted in the Union army in February, 1865, and was on

detached service under Colonel Keogon. He contracted rheumatism and was in the military hospital eight months. He has been remembered by the government with a pension. He was made a Mason in Fenton in 1859. He holds a forty-year certificate, which entitles him to life membership in that order without dues. He is the oldest living Mason in that lodge, that is, in point of continuous membership. Mr. Dibble is a Democrat and has served as street commissioner, as constable and for three years as marshal. He is one of the most widely-known men in Genesee county. He has lived to see many great changes in this locality, and has played well his part in the general development of the same.

CHARLES H. EAMES.

Charles H. Eames, one of the early pioneers of Genesee county, was born on November 8, 1835, in Rush township, Monroe county, New York, the son of William and Abigail Eames, who were natives of the states of New York and of New Jersey, respectively.

William Eames and wife lived for a number of years after their marriage in Monroe county, New York, where Mr. Eames was engaged in farming. In 1842 they left their home in New York and came to Michigan, locating in Genesee county and purchasing a farm in the southern part of Grand Blanc township. This land, one hundred and sixty acres, which William Eames obtained from the government, was undeveloped and wholly unimproved. The first house that Mr. Eames erected was a small frame structure, and in that house the family lived until the summer of 1853, when he erected a much better residence, in which he and his family lived for many years. By much hard work and untiring effort he succeeded in obtaining one hundred acres of most excellent land, which he developed and improved, and which in time became one of the best farms in the county and there he engaged in general farming and stock raising. Being left an orphan at an early age, Mr. Eames was wholly dependent upon his own efforts, yet he succeeded well, and lived to the remarkable age of one hundred years, his death occurring in December, 1915, following his one hundredth birthday. In active life, Mr. Eames always took an active interest in local affairs and did much for the betterment of the township and county during the early days. For a number of years he served his township as commissioner of highways and did much for the benefit of the roads. He

was much interested in that work, believing in the best roads possible, and in schools that were of the highest standard. Being reared as he was, amid the hardships of pioneer life, where they had no roads and very poor schools, his aim was to improve the present conditions. William Eames and wife were the parents of four children, of whom Charles H. Eames is now the only survivor.

Charles H. Eames grew to manhood amid the scenes of early pioneer life in this county and endured much of the hardships of those times. He received his education in the early schools of the township, which were, of necessity, of crude character. Much of his education has been obtained by extensive reading and observation, and he has always been well informed on subjects of general interest. As a lad and as a young man he did much in the way of clearing away the forests and breaking the land on his father's farm. For three years after his marriage he resided on his father's place, after which he moved to a farm of one hundred acres in the same township, and about one mile west of the Halsey school house. There he lived until 1898, when he retired from active farm work and moved to Grand Blanc, where he is now living. Mr. Eames has always been a public-spirited citizen, and has done much toward the advancement and growth of the township and county. He has always been particularly active in the work of promoting the interests of the schools, knowing their great necessity to the youth of the community, and for many years was a director and treasurer of the school board, doing much toward the advancement of the schools of his township. Politically, Mr. Eames is a Prohibitionist, and he and his wife have done much for the cause of temperance in their community.

On August 28, 1867, Charles H. Eames was married to Mrs. Martha (Curtis) Ryan, a native of Grand Blanc, where she was born in 1840, the daughter of Zerah and Achsah (Dayton) Curtis. Zerah Curtis was born in Rush, New York, where he grew up and was educated, and where he was married to Achsah Dayton, a native of Vermont. Some years after his marriage, Zerah Curtis and his family moved to Concord, Lake county, Ohio, where they remained a short time, after which they came to Michigan, settling in Grand Blanc township, Genesee county. There they remained but a short time on a farm in the south part of the township, after which they returned to Ohio, on account of Mr. Curtis being afflicted with rheumatism. In 1849 the family again returned to Michigan, and here Mr. Curtis engaged in farming the rest of his life. He always took an active interest in the growth and development of the township and the county, and served

his township as treasurer for a time, yet he was not active in the political life of the community. After an active and useful life he retired to Flint, where his death occurred in 1891, his widow surviving him only about a year.

Martha Curtis was married to John Ryan in 1859. He was a native of Ireland, who came to America as a small boy with his parents, who died soon after landing here. The lad grew to manhood in Canada, where his parents had located, working on a farm. In 1859 he came to Michigan and located on undeveloped and unimproved land in Genesee county, which he improved, and on that farm he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1865. To that union there were no children. Some years after the death of Mr. Ryan, his widow married Charles H. Eames, and to this union three children were born, Walter H., Herbert W. and Merritt C. Walter H. Eames was born in Grand Blanc, where he now lives. He was married as a young man, to Lettie Warren, and to that union were born three children, Florence, Edna and Charles. Florence and Edna were twins and the latter died at the age of seven years. Later, Walter H. Eames married Daisy Waldron. Herbert W. Eames, the second son of Charles H. Eames and wife, grew to manhood on the home farm and was educated in the public schools of the township. He married Edith O'Hare, and to this union one son was born, Herbert Eames, who died in 1906. Merritt C. Eames married Jennie Beach, and to this union have been born two children, Frank and Lillian. Merritt Eames and wife both died when their children were young, and the latter were cared for by their grandparents, Charles H. Eames and wife.

Mrs. Martha Eames is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has always taken much interest in church work. She has been a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union since 1875, and was president of the union at Grand Blanc for fifteen years. Fraternally, she is a member of the Lady Maccabees, and is a past commander of the local camp. During the early activities of the temperance crusade, she was a member of the Good Templars, and was for eight years superintendent of the "Demorest Medal Contest," in this county. She was for years the county treasurer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and until within the last few years was always active in that line of work. Circumstances now require that she relinquish much of the work to others, but she recalls with pleasure the progress of this work since the time when she was a child. Mrs. Eames is recognized as one of the most active local workers in the

cause and as one who has done much for the social betterment of the community. Her life has been an active and useful one, and she has done much good in the county. Living as she did, during the early days of the county, when there were few advantages and few pleasures, she is in a position to note the wonderful advancement made within the past generation. She remembers well of her mother telling of the days when they used blankets for doors to the house, and when they had to build fires to keep the wolves away at night, and how she had been scared by seeing bears, when she went to the spring for water. During their active life, Charles H. Eames and wife were members of the Farmers Club. For fourteen years Mrs. Eames was president of the Ladies Aid Society of her church and for thirty years was a steward in the church. Mr. and Mrs. Eames are among the most highly respected people in the county and their lives have been filled with useful and kindly deeds.

FRANK M. PERRY.

Frank M. Perry, one of the well-known and successful merchants of Grand Blanc, was born on January 24, 1861, in Davison township, this county, the son of Edmund and Clarissa (Wilson) Perry. A more complete history of the Perry family, which was the second to settle in this county, will be found on another page of this volume, under the caption of Joseph Hobart.

Frank M. Perry was educated in the common schools of Davison township, where he grew to manhood and where he lived at the home of his parents, until he was eighteen years of age, when he moved to Grand Blanc township, where he located on the farm on which his grandfather had settled one and one-half miles east of the village of Grand Blanc. That farm had descended to Manson P. Perry, an uncle of Frank Perry, and it was there that Frank Perry worked for a year as a farm hand. At the end of the year an agreement was made whereby Frank Perry was to have an interest in the farm and there the young man spent a number of years with his uncle and the latter's wife Mary (Fairchild) Perry. Manson Perry had begun his home on that farm as a small child with his parents, in 1826, and there he spent the rest of his life.

After Frank M. Perry had worked for his uncle for four years he went to Dakota, where he remained for a year and while there he entered land,

after which he returned to the farm of his uncle, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time he returned to his claim in Dakota, where he remained until 1892. He then again returned to the farm of his uncle, Manson Perry, and after the death of the latter, he and his wife lived with the aunt on the home farm, until her death. On the death of Mrs. Manson Perry, Frank M. Perry became the owner of the tract consisting of one hundred and eighty-two acres of excellent land. He remained on the farm until the fall of 1904, when he removed to Grand Blanc, and became a partner with Alex Gundry, in the hardware and implement business, and has been thus engaged ever since. The firm is doing an excellent business and carries a large and well-assorted stock. In addition to his farm and mercantile interests, Mr. Perry is also interested in the Farmers Exchange Bank at Grand Blanc.

On April 4, 1894, Frank M. Perry was united in marriage to Inez E. Campbell, who was born in Davison township, this county, a daughter of Alexander and Emma (Preston) Campbell, the former of whom was born at Stockport, New York, on September 4, 1841, and died at Grand Blanc, on July 15, 1915, being then seventy-four years of age. Alexander Campbell was a brother of George Campbell, of Atlas, a biographical sketch of whom appears in this volume. Their father was a machinist at Stockport, New York, but later bought a farm there. The wife and mother dying at the age of thirty-two, left Mr. Campbell with five small boys. In 1855 he came to Michigan and located in Davison township, this county, where he purchased a farm, and it was on that farm that the son Alexander resided for many years. At the age of twenty, Alexander Campbell enlisted in the Union army and served for four years in the First Michigan, as an engineer. He was with Sherman on the march to the sea and was mustered out of the service at the close of the war with the rank of second lieutenant.

On December 23, 1868, Alexander Campbell was united in marriage to Emma L. Preston, who was born in Atlas township, this county, a daughter of Roswell and Elizabeth (Nesmith) Preston. Roswell Preston was born in Vermont, where he was educated and later came to Michigan, locating in Genesee county, where he married Elizabeth Nesmith, who was born in this county, her parents having settled here in an early day. Mr. Preston was a life-long farmer in Atlas township, but spent his last years in Goodrich.

For many years after his marriage Alexander Campbell lived on the old homestead in the southern part of Davison township. After many years of active service he was compelled to retire on account of his health. He

was a man of sterling worth, and was ever ready to give assistance to a more unfortunate brother. During his active life he always took an active part in all local affairs, and served his township as justice of the peace and was for a number of years, a supervisor of the township. His widow is now a resident of Grand Blanc. They were the parents of two children, Roswell J. Campbell, who lives in Idaho, and Inez E., who married Mr. Perry.

Inez Campbell Perry was educated in the common schools of Davison township and later attended the Business college at Grand Rapids and the Normal School at Flint. After completing her education, she taught school for five years, or until the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have a beautiful modern home in Grand Blanc, it being a substantial brick structure, with all conveniences and richly furnished, excellent taste having been shown in the planning of the residence and the furnishing of the same. The yard and grounds are beautiful and are well kept. Mr. Perry is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and takes much interest in the order. Mr. and Mrs. Perry are possessed of those traits of character, kindness and courtesy, that make them loved and respected by the community in which they live.

IRA N. GILBERT.

One of the young farmers of Gaines township, this county, who is making good at his chosen vocation is Ira N. Gilbert, who believes in adopting new methods of agriculture to suit changed conditions, when he finds them practicable and superior to the old. He was born in the above-named township and county on May 15, 1887, a son of A. W. and Estella (Herrick) Gilbert, both also natives of this county, where they grew up, attended the public schools and were married, each representing pioneer families. They live in the village of Gaines, and have five children, namely: Lola, the wife of Lewis Van Tiffin, of Grand Blanc township; Wilbur, who is farming in Gaines township; Ira N., the subject of this sketch; Ella, the wife of Arthur McCaughna, of Flint, and Leo, who also makes his home in Flint.

Ira N. Gilbert grew up on the home farm in Gaines township, where he worked when a boy during the crop seasons, and in the winter time attended the Swartz Creek school. He has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising, in which he is now successfully engaged in Gaines township, where he owns a well-improved and productive farm of eighty

acres. He has a comfortable home and such outbuildings as his needs require.

On April 2, 1908, Ira N. Gilbert was married to Iva Ejsentrager, who was born on the farm where she now lives, July 7, 1890, daughter and only child of George and Lodema (Parks) Ejsentrager, who reside on a farm in this county, and to this union two children have been born, Orva G., born on January 8, 1909, and Albert N., March 14, 1916. Mr. Gilbert is a Republican, but has never aspired to public office.

LORON A. REESE.

Loron A. Reese, a well-known and substantial farmer of Genesee township, owner of a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres in section 1 of that township, a stockholder in the Otisville Bank, secretary of his local Grange and for years actively identified with the growth and development of that part of the county, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life, always having resided on the farm on which he now lives and where he was born. He was born on January 27, 1859, son of Peter and Fannie (Rogers) Reese, the former a native of Germany and the latter of the state of New York, who came to Michigan in 1847 and settled in Genesee township, this county, where they spent the rest of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of that section of the county.

Peter Reese was born on February 16, 1824, and was seven years old when he came with his parents to the United States, the family settling on a farm in Erie county, New York, where he grew to manhood and where, in 1845, when twenty-one years old, he married Fannie Rogers, who was born in Erie county, New York, March 2, 1830. She was a daughter of Laban and Susan (Davis) Rogers, both natives of that same state, who, with their family and accompanied by Peter Reese and his young wife, came to Michigan and settled in section 1 of Genesee township, this county, being among the earliest settlers of that part of the county, and there Laban Rogers and his wife spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Reese was the fifth in order of birth, the others having been Calvin, Philander, Ransom, S. J., Eunice and Candice, none of whom now survive.

Upon coming to this county in 1847 Peter Reese and his wife established their home on a farm of one hundred acres in section 1 of Genesee



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township, adjoining the farm taken at the same time by Laban Rogers, and there they spent the rest of their lives, active and influential residents of that community, the death of Peter Reese occurring on December 30, 1890. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Amelia, born in April, 1847, who married T. P. Hornung, a merchant of Detroit; Marietta, who died at the age of nine years; Andrew, born in 1854, a well-known farmer of Genesee township; Minerva, born in 1856, who married Andrew Cox, a farmer, now living retired at Flint; Angenett, who died in infancy, and Belle, born on January 24, 1864, who married Thomas Williams, a farmer, now living retired at Otisville, this county.

Loron A. Reese was reared on the homestead farm in Genesee township, receiving his schooling in the neighboring district school, and from boyhood was a valuable assistant to his father in the work of improving and developing the home place. After his marriage in 1883, he established his home on the paternal farm and after the death of his father became the owner of the same and has ever since lived there. He later added to the farm by the purchase of a tract of thirty-five acres adjoining, over the line in Richfield township, and has since been cultivating one hundred and thirty-five acres, a well-improved and profitably cultivated farm, on which he has done very well. Mr. Reese has not confined his activities wholly to farming and is one of the stockholders of the Bank of Otisville, being also otherwise interested in the general development of his home community. He is active in the affairs of the Grange and has long been secretary of the local Grange for the Flint River and Richfield district. He also is a member of the Order of Gleaners, connected with Lodge No. 131 of that order at Rogersville, and takes a warm interest in its affairs. Mr. Reese is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local politics, but has not been included in the office-seeking class.

In the spring of 1883 Loron A. Reese was united in marriage to Nettie J. Fowler, who was born in Waltham, LaSalle county, Illinois, on September 29, 1864. She is the daughter of Jackson and Susan M. (Sanborn) Fowler, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New York state, whose last days were spent in this county. Jackson Fowler was born on April 15, 1824, son of Thomas and Ann Fowler, who had come to this country from Ireland and settled in Pennsylvania, where they spent the rest of their lives. He grew up as a cabinet-maker and married Susan Sanborn,

who was born on June 12, 1835, daughter of Levi Sanborn and wife, natives of Vermont, who later lived in New York, then in Illinois and finally came to Michigan, settling in Richfield township, this county, where they spent their last days. In 1861 Jackson Fowler and family came to Michigan and settled in Genesee township, this county, where Mrs. Fowler died on May 1, 1870. Mr. Fowler survived for many years, his death occurring on April 27, 1903. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. Reese was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: William S., born on November 9, 1859, who is now living on the old Rogers homestead in Richfield township; Etta, December 19, 1861, who died in youth, and Frank, October 14, 1869, who died on March 25, 1873. To Mr. and Mrs. Reese two children have been born, Alta E., born on May 12, 1886, who married George L. Jewell, a farmer, of Richfield township, and Everett L., December 23, 1895, a trimmer by trade.

GEORGE M. COGGINS.

George M. Coggins, one of the prominent and successful merchants of Grand Blanc, was born on August 6, 1868, in Oakland county, this state, son of Thomas F. and Ann (Purcell) Coggins.

Thomas F. Coggins was born at Youngstown, New York, where he received his early education. There his father died, after whose death, his mother with the children came to Michigan, locating at Flint, where Thomas F. and his brothers engaged in the meat business. He remained in the business until some time later, when he married Ann Purcell, a native of Cork, Ireland, after which he removed to a farm in Groveland township, Oakland county. There Mr. Coggins engaged in farming until 1870, when he removed to Holly, where he again engaged in the meat business, at which he remained until 1873, when he returned to Flint, where he continued in the business. It was there that he died when the son, George, was seven years of age. The young son lost his mother some months later. Being left an orphan at so tender an age, he was cared for in the home of his uncle, James Coggins, for a few months, after which he was on a farm east of Flint for a year, and then for two years was with a family on a farm west of the town, after which he went to work as a farm hand in Grand Blanc township. He continued at this work until he was twenty years of age, when he began clerking in a hardware store at Holly, and

was later engaged there by Grant Cheney, in the meat and grocery business, until thirteen years ago, when he purchased the store and has conducted the same ever since. On September 6, 1915, Mr. Coggins completed twenty-five years in the store he now owns, in Grand Blanc.

Eight years ago George M. Coggins bought forty acres of land near Grand Blanc, and there he has erected his slaughter house and does much of his own butchering. In addition to his extensive interests in the store, he is a partner in the Farmers Exchange Bank, at Grand Blanc, and is the chairman of the loan committee of the same. He has a good substantial dwelling house located next to the store building. He owns the building in which he is conducting his business, having purchased it some ten years ago.

On November 25, 1897, George M. Coggins was married to Florence George, who was born in Mundy township, this county, a daughter of Eugene and Harriett (Ganson) George. Eugene George was born in Switzerland on December 19, 1829, the son of George George, a hatter by trade, who was a soldier under Napoleon Bonaparte and who was present at the burning of Moscow. George George left the home of his birth and came to America in 1849, his wife, Angeline, following the next year. On landing in the United States, George George came direct to Michigan and located in Mundy township, this county and it was there that the family made their home. In 1853 Mrs. George died while on a visit to a daughter in Canada. Mr. George died in 1877. They were the parents of six children, all of whom came to America. Eugene George learned the baker's trade from his father, who owned a shop in his native country. Eugene George did much traveling in Switzerland to see the country and the people. In 1849 he came to America in a sailing vessel, being fifty-seven days on the ocean. After landing at the port of New York he came direct to Michigan and located in Genesee county.

On May 31, 1851, Eugene George was united in marriage to Harriett Ganson, a native of New York state. They located on a farm in this county and here Mr. George became a prosperous farmer and stock raiser. He owned two hundred acres of land, a part of which he divided with his sons. Politically, he was a Democrat and took an active interest in local affairs. He and his family were members of the Catholic church. In 1879 Mr. George visited his old home in Switzerland, where he remained for six months. On his return he lived at his home in Mundy township for many years, and died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coggins. His wife died at her home in Mundy township in 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Coggins are the parents of five children, Josie, Nora, Bernadette, Celina and Clark. The family are active members of the Catholic church and Mr. Coggins is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Maccabees. The family are prominent in the social and civic activities in the community. Mr. Coggins is highly regarded as a man of sterling worth and strict integrity. Left an orphan at the age of seven, he has cared for himself since that time. By hard work and perseverance he has accomplished much that is worthy of emulation and respect and has made many friends, who regard him highly. Mr. Coggins gives his wife much of the credit for his success in life, through her faithfulness and desire to assist in all ways possible.

CHARLES M. TOPPING.

"The art preservative of all arts" has an able advocate in Genesee county in the person of Charles M. Topping, who conducts a well-equipped job-printing establishment at Fenton.

Charles M. Topping was born at Deerfield, Michigan, January 2, 1862, son and only child of Orlando and Mary (Becker) Topping, the latter a daughter of Joseph Becker, a native of New York, who removed with his family many years ago to Tyrone township, Livingston county, Michigan. Orlando Topping was born in this state, was educated in the common schools, and became a school teacher. He later was employed in the flour mills at Fenton several years, having moved there from Saginaw, where he had been engaged in business for some time. His first wife died when their only child, Charles M., the subject of this sketch, was two years old. His second wife was Laura Reed, and to that union two children were born, Fannie and Jennie, both living. Orlando Topping was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in 1912.

Charles M. Topping completed his schooling in the Fenton high school. When but a boy he decided upon a career as newspaper publisher, and about thirty-four years ago, in the early eighties, he established *The Fenton Courier*, which he published with pronounced success for a period of over twenty years, at the end of which time he sold out and entered the office of the Egyptian Cement Company as bookkeeper. He remained there two years, then worked in Detroit two years with Gregory, Mayer & Thom, printers, then returned to Fenton and established his present job-printing

business, which was a success from the start. "The Topping Art Printery" imprints will be found on much of the best job printing now produced in that flourishing village.

Mr. Topping was married in 1881 to Nettie E. Arms, and they have two children, Clara E., wife of W. C. Mardorf, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jennie.

Charles M. Topping is a Democrat and has been active in party affairs. He was postmaster at Fenton during Cleveland's administration and was supervisor for three years, being succeeded by John Jennings. He has also served as township clerk, as superintendent of the poor and as village clerk, filled all these offices faithfully and ably. Mr. Topping is a member of the Masonic order, including the Knights Templar, and is also a member of the Maccabees.

JAMES L. SPENSER.

James L. Spenser, president of the Bank of Linden, has by excellent management and persistent industry attained a large degree of success in the business world and at the same time has gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

Mr. Spenser was born in Livingston county, Michigan, January 25, 1853, a son of Olympus and Laura (Jacobs) Spenser. Mark Jacobs, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Vermont, who came to Michigan in an early day and was a pioneer of Livingston county, buying a farm there on which he established his future home. He was twice married. Grandfather Asa Spenser was a native of New York. He was a farmer and Baptist minister, continuing to preach until his death at the age of sixty years. He was of Dutch descent. Olympus Spenser came to Michigan when sixteen years old, after the death of his father, and in Livingston county he attended school and established his future home on a farm. His first wife was Nancy Jacobs, a sister of his second wife, Laura Jacobs. The latter died in December, 1904, his death having occurred in June, 1901. He moved from Livingston county to Fenton, Genesee county, in 1866, and to the town of Linden in 1886, where he lived until his death. He had three children, Nora, who died in infancy; James L., the subject of this sketch, and George R., who lives in Flint.

James L. Spenser received his education in the public schools of Liv-

ington county, in the Fenton high school and in the State Normal, completing the full English course in the latter and graduating in 1876, being given a state certificate to teach. He began his career as a teacher and followed the same successfully for nine years, during which time his services were in wide demand. He began teaching in the district schools of Genesee county in 1870, and he taught as principal of the graded schools for three years in Linden and two and one-half years in Flushing. Finally abandoning the school room he engaged in the drug business in Linden for a period of twenty-one years, enjoying a large trade. He formerly owned a good farm, but sold it some time ago. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1888, but has never practiced; however, he has handled a number of estates and engaged in other similar matters in a legal capacity. In 1908 Mr. Spenser entered the banking field and has been president of the Bank of Linden since that year, the rapid and substantial growth and prestige of this popular institution being due for the most part to his able management and wise counsel.

On August 1, 1878, James L. Spenser was married to Ella Webber, who died in 1902, leaving one child, Laura Zoe Spenser, who was given a good education and was principal of the Linden schools for three years. In 1905 Mr. Spenser married, secondly, Mary G. Richards, which union has been without issue.

Mr. Spenser is a Republican and has been active in public affairs for many years. He served as county clerk from 1885 to 1889 and is now village attorney, having held this office several terms, and has done much for the general upbuilding and welfare of Linden. Fraternally, Mr. Spenser is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Loyal Guards. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

GEORGE M. BUZZARD.

From the life record of George M. Buzzard, well known agriculturist of Fenton township, Genesee county, many useful lessons may be gleaned by the youth starting out on the road to success as a farmer and stock man, for Mr. Buzzard has believed in the wise saying of the ancient philosopher, "Lose no time in getting off the wrong road as soon as you discover that you are traveling it."

George M. Buzzard was born at Pontiac, Oakland county, Michigan,

November 6, 1844, a son of Joseph and Mary E. (Osborn) Buzzard. The father was born in Cattaragus county, New York, February 5, 1804, and was left an orphan when young. He grew up in his native locality, received a meager education and there married, later moving to Oakland county, Michigan, taking up a homestead of one hundred and seventy-six acres in Pontiac township, on which he lived about forty years; then moved to Clarkston, Michigan, where he spent the rest of his life. His wife was born on October 22, 1811, and died many years ago. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were parents of thirteen children, namely: Almira, born on December 4, 1827, who died on January 4, 1864; Adeline, December 4, 1823, also deceased; Israel, July 11, 1831, deceased; John, April 1, 1834, who died on March 30, 1835; Eli, March 23, 1836, who died on January 12, 1862; Jacob, May 8, 1838; Elizabeth, July 29, 1840; Edwin, January 5, 1842; George M., the subject of this review; Isabel, November 9, 1846; Ardy, January 4, 1850, who died on July 24, 1854; Charles, July 10, 1852, who died on July 19, 1858, and William, November 9, 1854.

George M. Buzzard grew up on the home farm in Oakland county and there received a common-school education. He married Mary E. Commins, a daughter of Mathias and Sarah Commins, and to this union four children were born, namely: Olive P., born on October 8, 1872, who died on May 18, 1905; Flora L., June 9, 1874, who died on August 27 of that year; Mathias, November 23, 1876, and Hazel H., June 13, 1887. The mother of these children passed away on December 18, 1905, and Mr. Buzzard later married Mrs. Caroline (Bennett) Till, who was born at Ridgeville, Ohio, January 6, 1848, a daughter of Capt. Charles and Caroline M. (Thurston) Bennett, the former a son of Jonathan Bennett, who served in the War of 1812, receiving a slight wound in battle. Jonathan Bennett married Mary Fukes, a daughter of Captain Fukes, of Wales, who owned a fleet on the Atlantic ocean. Capt. Charles Bennett sailed on the Great Lakes. He owned a farm of one hundred and twenty acres near Ypsilanti, Michigan, and in 1856 he settled at the head of Long Lake. He built the first steamboat that was operated on that lake and started the main health resort there. He was a veterinarian and practiced his profession in that locality. He was a Republican and an active member of the Methodist church. His family consisted of twelve children, all now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Buzzard and John Bennett, the latter of whom lives in Monroe county, Michigan. This family was named as follow: William, Marietta, Keziah, Caroline, Paul, Emily, Frances, Eliza, Frank, John and Charley.

Capt. Charles Bennett was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 12, 1808, and died on January 22, 1899. When but a child his parents removed with him to New York state, locating on the shores of Oneida lake. His mother died soon thereafter and his father remarried. Charles started out in life for himself when but a boy, leaving home, and for some time was supposed to be lost. He began working at a lake port, which marked the commencement of his maritime career of forty-four years, becoming a captain in early manhood. In 1844 he made a memorable trip, starting from Ogdensburg, New York, at the first opening of navigation, with a cargo, and took the first vessel that reached Chicago by that route, with provisions, and made forty thousand dollars. He explored Isle Royal at the expense of Charles Chapin, of Detroit, sailing the vessel "Dream," of Cleveland. He sailed in October of that year and wintered in Lake Superior. He sunk a shaft on an island and found valuable ore, which brought his employer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Captain Bennett returned to his starting place the following June and discovered that his boat had been given up as lost and its owner had collected insurance on it. Captain Bennett was also connected with the early railroad history of Michigan. Upon leaving the lakes he came to Genesee county and opened a summer resort at Long Lake, in which body of water the Bennett Islands were named for him. He retired at the age of seventy-five years, buying a farm in Lasalle township, Monroe county, Michigan, where he died. He was married in 1820, at Ithica, New York, to Caroline Thurston and to that union twelve children were born. Mrs. Caroline Buzzard's first husband was Augustus William Till, who conducted a general store in Bay City, Michigan, in 1865, which he later sold, and established a similar business in Fenton, Genesee county. Mr. Till was born in Germany, August 28, 1828, and when young came to America alone. He married on February 4, 1864. He was a son of John William Till and wife, whose family consisted of three children, Augustus William, Theodore, and Dora. Augustus William Till was a Republican and was active in politics. He was a Mason and a member of the Presbyterian church. His family consisted of three children, namely: Jessie, born on December 3, 1868; Mabel, February 1, 1870, who is living in Detroit, and Edward Arthur, April 28, 1882, who died on April 14, 1915. The latter was a stage carpenter in the National theater in Detroit.

George M. Buzzard located on his present farm of fifty-six acres in Fenton township, in April, 1908. He devotes considerable attention to

fruit growing, having an apple orchard of four acres and one acre of berries and small fruits. Mr. Buzzard is an independent voter. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Fenton and his wife belongs to the Presbyterian church.

CALVIN BUNNELL.

While there are many who enter the live-stock business, few make a success of the same, for it requires a combination of sound judgment, foresight, courage and industry. These qualities seem to be possessed by Calvin Bunnell, of Goodrich, this county, who owns excellent farming land. He was born on September 27, 1842, in Lapeer county, Michigan, a son of Hiram and Lucy (Mason) Bunnell, both natives of Connecticut, probably born at Hartford. There they spent their earlier years, removing from there to the state of New York. In 1836 they came to Michigan, locating in Oakland county, when it was sparsely settled and little improved; but later moved to Hadley township, Lapeer county, locating in the wilderness, from which they carved out a home through their grit and industry, enduring the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. They took up government land and spent the rest of their lives in that locality. It was there that Calvin Bunnell grew to manhood. He worked hard when a boy on the home farm and had little opportunity to obtain an education. When eighteen years old he came to this county and worked in a mill in the village of Goodrich for about five years. In 1867 he began buying and shipping live stock from that town, or rather, driving them to market at Detroit, continuing to take his stock overland for a period of about twelve years, sometimes driving the stock eighty miles, taking some kind of stock there nearly every week. He then began shipping by rail from Metamora and also shipped from Grand Blanc and from Davison. He has continued in this line of endeavor for nearly a half century and is one of the best-known stock men in this part of the state, being regarded as one of the best judges of all kinds of live stock in Genesee and surrounding counties. Although in his seventy-fourth year, Mr. Bunnell is still active and continues to make regular trips with stock to Detroit. He owns two well-improved farms in Lapeer county, aggregating one hundred and fifty-five acres. Although he has owned one of these since young manhood, he has preferred to devote his attention principally to shipping live stock. He has also bought and sold wool for nearly forty years.

In 1865 Calvin Bunnell was married to Orlena Blodgett, who was born in Burlington, Vermont, a daughter of Isaac and Lucretia (Lee) Blodgett, who came to Michigan in 1864, the family locating on a farm just east of the village of Goodrich, but a few years later moved to Fenton and finally to Birmingham, the parents spending the rest of their lives on a farm there. The death of Mrs. Bunnell occurred on April 6, 1912. Mr. Bunnell is a Republican and served as supervisor of Atlas township for a period of thirteen years, refusing longer to accept office. He has long been well and favorably known throughout Genesee and Lapeer counties.

WILLIAM CARPENTER, JR.

One of the progressive farmers and public-spirited citizens of Genesee county is William Carpenter, Jr., of Goodrich, a man who believes in doing well whatever is worth doing at all. This idea has doubtless been a potent factor in his success in life. He was born on August 9, 1843, on a farm just west of Goodrich, and is a son of William and Lurania (Pierce) Carpenter. He is descended from a long line of English ancestors, many of whom were prominent in their day and generation. Some of them settled in New York, among whom was George Carpenter, whose youngest son, George, Sr., grew to manhood there and married Abigail Gildersleeve. He spent his life on a farm in Dutchess county, New York, until he removed with his family to Saratoga in 1812, and settled on a farm in that locality. His wife died in 1811, leaving six children, Henry, Pamela, Mary, Amy, Peter, William and Abigail. He afterwards married Mrs. Jerusha Case of Dutchess county. This second union was without issue. George Carpenter, Sr., remained on his farm near Saratoga until 1837 when he and his son William came to Michigan, where he spent the rest of his life, reaching the unusual age of one hundred and two years, as shown by the family records. His youngest son, William Carpenter, Sr., was born on September 16, 1805, at the old home in Dutchess county, New York, and he remained with his father until fourteen years of age, then started out in life for himself, employed on the farm of Jacob Denton, near Saratoga, with whom he remained fourteen years. There he met Lurania Piercé, who was also employed by the Dentons, and they were married in 1833, and soon thereafter moved to Niagara county, New York, purchasing a farm of fifty acres, on which they spent two years. In the spring of 1836 he and Levi

Preston started to Michigan, walking through Canada to Detroit, thence by the old Saginaw road to Atlas township, Genesee county. There Mr. Carpenter entered two hundred acres of government land, on which he built a log house, cleared two acres on which he sowed oats and planted potatoes, then returned to New York and settled up his business and with his wife and son Jacob (now deceased) started for his new home in Michigan, accompanied by Levi Preston and family. They made the trip in two wagons, each drawn by two yoke of oxen. They brought such household plunder as the wagons would hold. The journey required thirty days, but was safely made. They set to work with a will, experiencing the usual hardships and privations of pioneer life, and in due course of time had a good farm and a comfortable home, in fact one of the finest farms in Genesee county. There William Carpenter, Sr., and wife lived to advanced ages, his death occurring on July 13, 1898, at the age of nearly ninety-three years. His wife preceded him to the grave on January 13, 1882, in her seventy-fifth year. To these parents seven children were born, namely: Jacob D., deceased, who was born in 1834; Mary E., who died when eighteen years of age; Julia A., the wife of Deloss Hosler, of Genesee township; William, Jr., the subject of this sketch; Amos, who lives near Cairo, Tuscola county, Michigan; Pamela, deceased, who was the wife of Simeon Newton, and George E., who lives in Cairo, this state.

William Carpenter, Jr., grew up on the home farm in Atlas township and attended the district schools. When twenty-two years of age, October 24, 1865, he married Kate Colwell, who was born in Atlas township, Genesee county, and is a daughter of James and Ann (Burch) Colwell, early settlers here, having come from Niagara county, New York, in 1836, among the pioneers of this county. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Flora Lorian, who is the wife of John G. Faner, a druggist of Montrose, and has one daughter, Kathryn Louise Faner, now six years old. Mrs. Carpenter was summoned to her eternal rest on January 14, 1908.

Mr. Carpenter has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising. He increased his original holdings to a tract of over four hundred acres, but in 1915 sold some of his land and now has only three hundred and fifty-two acres. He moved into the village of Goodrich in 1903 and has lived there ever since. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, having started comparatively poor—with only eighty acres, a debt of nine hundred dollars and a capital of about two thousand dollars. He managed well and paid for his land in due time and finally became one of the leading farmers of the county. He is well preserved and although

nearly seventy-three years of age, does all kinds of work. He looks on the bright side of life, is a genial, obliging and hospitable gentleman, whom it is a pleasure to know, and he is one of the substantial and influential men of Goodrich and community. Politically, he is a Democrat, and fraternally, belongs to Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

T. ALBERT SPARKS.

One of the progressive farmers of Genesee county who well understands modern methods of agriculture and is making a success as a general farmer because of well-applied principles is T. Albert Sparks, of Fenton township. He was born in La Grange county, Indiana, October 1, 1860, a son of James and Amanda (Nelson) Sparks. Joseph Nelson, the maternal grandfather, who married Susan Hart, was a native of Ohio, who removed to La Grange county, Indiana, after remaining forty years in New York and pre-empted one hundred and twenty acres. He was a Democrat and a Methodist and was active in public and church affairs. Grandfather Isaac Sparks was a native of the state of New York, from which he moved to La Grange county, Indiana, and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land. He was an active member of the Methodist church. James Sparks was born in Rush county, Indiana, May 7, 1829, and died on January 24, 1884. Amanda Nelson was born on November 3, 1839, and died on April 3, 1895. To these parents seven children were born, six of whom are still living, but none in La Grange county, Indiana, where they were born, as follow: George, T. Albert, Wilbert (who died when six months old), Ida, Manford, Savilla and Augusta.

T. Albert Sparks spent his boyhood in La Grange county, Indiana, and there received a common-school education. On October 9, 1884, he married Frances Williams, a daughter of George and Mary Ann Williams, the former of whom was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War and died while in service. Mrs. Sparks died on October 22, 1889, leaving two children, George and Roy. On August 11, 1891, Mr. Sparks married Linnie Bean, and to this union two children also were born, Harold and Muriel, both now at home.

Mr. Sparks began life for himself on a farm of eighty acres in La Grange county, Indiana, where he remained until 1903, when he sold out and came to Michigan, remaining in Cass county three years, then spent

five years in Kalamazoo county, this state. He came to Genesee county on March 16, 1911, and purchased his present farm in Fenton township, his place consisting of one hundred and twenty-five acres, all tillable but twenty acres of woods. He owns some excellent Percheron and Belgian horses.

Politically, Mr. Sparks is a Prohibitionist. He is a member of the Methodist church, as is his wife, and he is the present class leader and she a teacher in the Sunday School. He was for years the superintendent of the Sunday school at Bethel, Indiana.

ERA M. FRAPPIER, SR.

A large number of Canadians have cast their lot with the people of Genesee and adjoining counties, and by so doing have benefited both themselves and us. We have always welcomed them, for they are industrious, law-abiding citizens. One of this number is Era M. Frappier, Sr., who is engaged in the lumber business in Linden.

Era M. Frappier was born at Berry, Canada, April 5, 1865, a son of Francis X. and Melissa (Mero) Frappier. The father was born and reared in Lower Canada and was there educated and there married Melissa Mero, who bore him ten children, Era M., Paul (deceased), Olive, Victoria, Henry, Frank, of Tennessee; Alma, Charles, John and Edward. After the death of the mother of these children, Francis X. Frappier married Anna Fertau, who is now living in Saginaw. His death occurred in September, 1911, he dying at the home of his son, the subject of this sketch, in Linden. He had lived in Canada, Ohio, and in this county. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Era M. Frappier was young in years when his parents removed with him to Ohio and there he attended school, later studied in Michigan, whither the family removed when he was a boy. He was first married on March 26, 1886, to Bertha Dexter, who died in 1893, leaving one child, Cleon, born on September 31, 1888, who married Mabel Wolverton and is employed at the grist mill in Linden. Mr. Frappier married, secondly, Cynthia Case, who has borne him three children, Myrtle, born on December 25, 1895; Bertha, April 7, 1905, and Aline, June 28, 1907.

Mr. Frappier has been engaged in the drayage business in Linden for a period of seventeen years. In 1911 he added the lumber business and has since then been conducting both with gratifying results. He also owns a

good farm of eighty acres in Gaines township. He is also engaged extensively in the sheep business, and during the winter of 1915-16 handled three hundred and fifty lambs. This, too, has been a paying venture. Mr. Frappier is a Republican and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ARTHUR W. CIMMER.

The life of Arthur W. Cimmer, a well-known groceryman at Fenton, has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance, and the honorable and systematic methods he has ever employed are commended to others, if they court the goddess Success.

Arthur W. Cimmer was born in Livingston, Michigan, April 5, 1865, a son of James W. and Caroline (Boyce) Cimmer. The mother was a daughter of Mark W. Boyce, a native of New Jersey, who devoted his life to farming. When young he settled in Oakland county, Michigan, and at Fenton about 1868. Nathan Cimmer, Arthur W. Cimmer's grandfather, was born near Buffalo, New York. In an early day he came to Michigan and bought a farm in the Livingston neighborhood, but died soon thereafter. James W. Cimmer, his son, was twelve years of age when he came to Michigan. In due time he married and established his future home at Livingston. He and his wife both died in 1907. They were the parents of four children, namely, Arthur W., the subject of this sketch; Ida K., who died when six years of age; Mart T., the next in order of birth, and Alice M., the youngest.

Arthur M. Cimmer received excellent educational advantages, having attended the high school at Fenton and the high school at Flint. On December 27, 1888, he married Alice B. McPherson, who was born in Oakland county, this state, a daughter of William McPherson, a farmer, which union has been without issue. In 1904 Mr. Cimmer moved to Fenton and there engaged in the grocery business in partnership with Charles F. Mathews, which mutually agreeable arrangement has continued to the present time, the firm enjoying a large and satisfactory business all the while, and carrying an extensive stock of staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Cimmer has also been president of the Michigan Casualty Company of Saginaw ever since it was organized in 1909. Politically, he is a Republican, and fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order, to the Royal Arcanum and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

FRANK J. STEMMETZ, JR.

A well-known citizen of Richfield township, this county, is Frank J. Stemmetz, who has devoted his active life to general agricultural pursuits. He was born in New York, February 27, 1874, a son of Frank J. and Elizabeth (Dumanois) Stemmetz. The father was born in Dayton, Ohio, and the mother was born in the state of New York. They were married in the latter state and there they made their home until 1890, in which year they came to this county. To these parents nine children were born, seven of whom are still living, namely: Sophia, wife of Michael Stock; Emma, who lives at home; Frank J., the subject of this sketch; Clara, a graduate of the Davison high school, now the wife of James Sullivan; George, unmarried, who lives at home; Harriet, wife of Art Burdick, of Flint, and Charles, at home.

Frank J. Stemmetz, Jr., was reared on the home farm in New York and there he received his education in the district schools. He was seventeen years old when he came with the family to Michigan. He remained at home, assisting his father with the work on the farm until 1902, after his marriage. He owns a farm of eighty acres in section 21, Richfield township, one mile south of the village, and makes a specialty of breeding a good grade of live stock of all kinds.

In September, 1901, Mr. Stemmetz was married to Verna Billings, who was born in Richfield township, this county, where she grew to womanhood and attended the district schools. To this union has been born one child, a daughter, Josephine Lura, born on July 21, 1906. Mr. Stemmetz is a Republican.

FLOYD P. ALGER.

Floyd P. Alger, a farmer and stock raiser of Mundy township, this county, was born on a farm in that township on June 25, 1871, the son of F. P. and Susan E. (Pease) Alger, both natives of that same township, he having been born in 1840 and she in 1844. They grew to manhood and womanhood in the same neighborhood, attended the same school, and spent their entire lives in the township.

F. P. Alger and wife were the parents of four children, but two of whom are now living, Millie having died at the age of eighteen and George at the age of two years. Carrie E. Alger was born on June 24, 1867, and

grew to womanhood in the township of her birth. She attended the district school and the Genesee County Normal School, after which she taught in the public schools for ten years.

Floyd P. Alger was educated in the district schools of his town and after completing his education he engaged in farming and now owns one hundred acres in Mundy township. Mr. Alger takes an interest in politics and has served his township as clerk, as treasurer and as supervisor. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was the secretary of his lodge for two years. Mr. Alger is a man of pleasing personalities and has many friends in the community in which he has always lived.

ANDREW REESE.

Andrew Reese, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of Genesee township and for years actively connected with the elevator business at Mt. Morris and Rogersville, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a homestead farm in section 1, Genesee township, March 1, 1854, son of Peter and Fannie (Rogers) Reese, both natives of New York state, pioneers of Genesee county and for many years useful and influential residents of the Rogersville neighborhood. In a biographical sketch relating to Loron A. Reese, brother of the subject of this sketch, who is still living on the old Reese homestead, there is set out at length a history of both the Reese and the Rogers families, so well known in Genesee and Richland townships, and to that sketch the reader is respectfully referred for further information in this connection.

Andrew Reese was reared on the paternal farm in the northeast corner of Genesee township, receiving his schooling in the neighboring district school. He remained at home, a valuable assistant to his father in the work of improving and developing the home farm, until his marriage, at the age of twenty-four years, when he bought the farm in section 1 of that same township, on which he ever since has made his home. For fifteen years after beginning farming on his own account, Mr. Reese specialized in the raising of Durham cattle, but later gave it up and has since then confined his agricultural operations to general farming. In 1890 he bought the Rogersville elevator, which had been in operation, with somewhat indifferent success, since 1871, and started in to put the concern on its feet, at the same time taking active connection with the work of the elevators at Mt. Morris.



Andrew Reese

Three years later he began buying grain for his own account, severing his connections with the firms at Mt. Morris. He made a success of his business and four years later sold the elevator at Rogersville to J. P. Burroughs & Son, of Flint, though retaining the position as manager of the mill, a position he held until 1913, when he turned the management of the concern over to his son, Alton E. Reese, who has since been managing the elevator, though the elder Reese continues a certain amount of supervisory charge over the business. The elevator has been a prosperous concern ever since Mr. Reese took hold of it and has long been a good, paying proposition. Mr. Reese is a Republican and for two years served as highway commissioner for his district. He is a charter member of Rogersville Arbor No. 131, Order of Gleaners, which was organized in 1897 and in which he has been an officer ever since its organization, at present serving as chief gleaner. Mr. Reese was an organizer and director of the Otisville State Bank and has been vice-president since its organization.

In the spring of 1878 Andrew Reese was united in marriage to Mattie Good, who was born in Erie county, New York, October 16, 1853, daughter of John and Esther (Hummel) Good, also natives of that county, who came with their family to Michigan in 1875 and settled in Richfield township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Reese two children have been born, Irma, born on November 13, 1887, who married Earl B. Root, a well-known young farmer of Richfield township, and Alton E., April 23, 1891, who married Gertrude Bradt, daughter of Dr. J. H. Bradt, of Flint, and is now manager of the Rogersville elevator. They have one child, Virginia, born August 8, 1915.

FREDERICK H. HITCHCOCK.

In writing this biographical history one fact, among other interesting ones, has been revealed—a very large percentage of the men who are now performing the business of the various avenues of endeavor in the county are natives of Michigan. They have been wise in remaining in their own land and clime for reasons too obvious to need delineating. Frederick H. Hitchcock, the popular cashier of the State Savings Bank, of Fenton, is one of this number.

Frederick H. Hitchcock was born at Lansing, this state, July 9, 1865,

and is a son of Horace and Mary (Esselstyn) Hitchcock, and a grandson of Harvey S. Hitchcock, who spent most of his life in Lansing and Royal Oak, Michigan. Horace Hitchcock was a well educated man. He took much interest in religious work, and was a leader in the Sunday school. He was president of the board of trustees of Albion College for a number of years and he was connected with Bayview Assembly work for a period of twenty-two years. Hitchcock Hall was named for him. He was a successful business man, was a woolen merchant, a member of the firm of Hitchcock, Esselstyn & Company, later bearing the firm name of Hitchcock, Son & Company. For a time he was in government service in the state of New York. He and his wife were the parents of four children, James H., Frederick H., Mrs. Mary C. Davis and Willard H.

Frederick H. Hitchcock completed his schooling in the Detroit high schools. His early banking experience was obtained with David Preston & Company, with which firm he remained about six years, at the end of which time he became connected with his father in the firm of Hitchcock, Son & Co., in which he spent fifteen years, then returned to the banking business. He was one of those who assisted, in 1908, in reorganizing the State Savings Bank of Fenton, of which popular institution he has been cashier for thirteen years, discharging his duties in an able, faithful and commendable manner. Politically, Mr. Hitchcock is a Republican. He is a member of the Masonic order and a Knight Templar.

On April 5, 1894, Frederick H. Hitchcock was married to Julia L. Fitch, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, a descendant of the Lansing in whose honor Lansing, Michigan, was named. To this union one child has been born, a son, Horace W. Hitchcock.

EARL G. POST.

Among the business men of Davison who are contributing to the general upbuilding of the community, while laboring for their own advancement, is Earl G. Post, who is therefore entitled to the appellation of good citizen. He was born in Potter county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1854, and is a son of Jonathan B. and Sophia S. (Chamberlain) Post, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. In the spring of 1858 or 1859 the family moved to Oakland county, Michigan, the father buying a farm in Avon township, which he later sold and purchased another in Springfield

township, this county, living on the latter place until 1874, when he sold out and moved to Kansas, his son Earl G. Post accompanying him. The father took up government land in the Sunflower state and there he and his brother-in-law built a combination grist- and saw-mill, and there Jonathan B. Post spent the rest of his life, dying about twenty-eight years ago when comparatively young. His widow is still living at Wakeeney, Kansas.

Earl G. Post spent only three months in Kansas. Returning to Genesee county he worked two years making potash. In 1877 he married and began farming, his wife owning some land, and he bought more land in Davison township and engaged in farming until eighteen or twenty years ago, his place having consisted of one hundred and thirty-six acres. Upon leaving the farm he entered the produce business in Davison, which he followed several years, then turned his attention to handling coal and building material and has thus been engaged ever since. Mr. Post has built up a very satisfactory trade. He handles all kinds of building supplies and lumber and all grades of coal.

Politically, he is a Republican and served as treasurer of Davison township for four years.

In 1877, Earl G. Post was married to Carrie M. Seelye, who was born in Davison township, this county, where she grew up and was educated. She is a daughter of Alson and Lorenza (Wicker) Seelye, the former of whom was born in Saratoga county, New York, and when a young man came to Michigan and took up government land in section 33, four miles south and one-half mile west of the village of Davison. He and his brother cleared the first land in that township, being among the earliest pioneers there. In 1842 Alson Seelye married Lorenza Wicker, a native of Rutland, Vermont, and a daughter of Reuben and Repentance (Ives) Wicker. She came to Genesee county, Michigan with her parents in 1836, the family locating in Groveland, where the father died a short time later.

After his marriage, Alson Seelye moved upon the farm he had entered from the government, improved the same and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. He also purchased eighty acres from Lysander Van Tyne, making in all a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. During his first years of farming here he was compelled to haul his grain to Pontiac to market and to have it ground. His death occurred in 1852. He was handy with tools, and in the early days made spinning wheels and reels for the settlers, working in his shop during the winter months and farming in the summer time. When he first came here the country was covered with a dense forest and Indians and wolves were plentiful.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Post, namely: Lorenzo S., who married William Dillenbeck, of Davison, and has two children; Harry G. and Beulah; Lent Earl, who married Gladys Siple, and has one son, Merwin; Ethel C., who married Wilbert Blue, who lives on the old Seelye farm, and has three children, Earl, Vernon Wilbert and an infant, and Pearl, who is at home.

CHARLES CLARKE.

The prominent position attained by Charles Clarke, assistant commissioner of industries of the Grand Trunk Railroad, with headquarters in Detroit, has been the result of long years of patient, painstaking, honest and conscientious effort, and he is therefore deserving of his success. His record might well be studied with profit by young men striving for recognition in any field of endeavor, for it indicates, among other things, how merit wins, despite obstacles, and that success is dependent on ability and integrity more than anything else.

Charles Clarke was born in Clarkston, Oakland county, Michigan, April 17, 1848. He is a son of Ebenezer and Sarah A. (Wood) Clarke, and a grandson of Ashel Wood, who was born in Bennington, Vermont, in 1783 and became a pioneer in Michigan, dying in Hadley, Lapeer county, in 1860. Ashel Wood married Althea Poole in 1810 in New York state. She was a daughter of Oliver and Sarah (Ramsdell) Poole, who were married on January 13, 1774. They both died at Erieville, New York. The Pooles were of Norman blood, tracing their ancestry back to the Norman conquest, members of this honorable and distinguished old family being mentioned in the third chapter of Macaulay's "History of England." Ashel Wood was a lawyer, scholar and man of affairs. His father, Elijah Wood, and his grandfather, Ebenezer Wood, were citizens of Bennington, Vermont, and both served as soldiers in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. To Ashel Wood and wife eight children were born, as follow: Eli, born in 1809, who married Kaziah Underwood; Fidelia, born on September 27, 1811, who married N. W. Clarke; Avis, born in 1813, who married a Mr. Taylor; Eliza, born in 1815, who married a Mr. Moore; Sarah Ann, born on April 7, 1817, who married Ebenezer Clarke; Catherine, born in 1819, who married Ben Allen-Aaron Palmer; Gilbert M., born in 1821, and Emaranci, born in 1823, who married Edward Burton.

Jeremiah Clarke, the second, was born in Preston, Connecticut, November 3, 1760, and although but a boy during our war for independence, he served with credit with his father, Jeremiah Clarke, Sr., under Captain Bigelow Lawrence, having enlisted on March 2, 1778, and was discharged on May 2d of that year. He built one of the first homes in Bath, New York. He also built, at Erieville, the first mills in Madison county, New York. He married Sarah Millington on February 20, 1783. She was born on February 17, 1767, and died on July 17, 1845, at the age of seventy-eight years. Jeremiah Clarke, Jr., died at Clarkston, Michigan, June 1, 1845. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Julia, born on November 11, 1783, who married Eli Cobb; Marcy, September 19, 1785, who married a Mr. Greene; Lydia, October 5, 1787, who married Nicholas Brown; Jeremiah, the third, September 19, 1790, who married Phoebe Holdrege; Lucy, January 25, 1793, who married a Mr. Johnson; Susannah, October 25, 1797, who married Jeremiah Blair; Amy, May 5, 1795, who married Oliver Poole; Hiram, April 8, 1800; Amos, February 26, 1802; Henry, August 7, 1804, who died on February 9, 1823; Sarah, May 17, 1806, who died on March 5, 1872; Nelson, born June 8, 1808, who married Fidelia Wood for his first wife and Ellen Hulbert for his second wife; Sidney, August 1, 1810, who died in 1832, and Ebenezer, August 6, 1812, who married Jemima Bevier for his first wife and Sarah A. Wood for his second wife.

Jeremiah Clarke second, great-grandfather of Charles Clarke, was born at Preston, Connecticut in 1733; settled in New Hampshire, on land grants, in 1767; later at Shaftsbury, Vermont, where he lived fifty years. He served in the Revolutionary War. He was a member of the first convention of delegates from the New England towns, held in July, 1776, and in 1777 he was mayor of Shaftsbury. He was a member of the first council of safety of Vermont, held in 1778, was judge of the first court and a member of the executive council for a number of years. His death occurred in Shaftsbury in 1817, at the age of eighty-four years. He had one brother, Capt. David Clarke, of Plainfield, Connecticut, who was killed in battle during the Revolutionary War, on September 17, 1777. This branch of the Clarke family in America is descended from Joseph Clarke, who was born about 1600, in Suffolk, England, from which country he came to America about 1630, locating in Windsor, Connecticut. He served in King Phillip's War.

Ebenezer Clarke, father of the subject of this review, was born in Manlius, Onondaga county, New York, August 6, 1812, and his death occurred on February 4, 1868, at the age of fifty-six years. He was twice married, as before stated, first, to Jemima Bevier, who was born on March

6, 1813, and who died on February 10, 1839. To this union two children were born, Henry G., born on January 12, 1836, and William W., October 3, 1838, who died on January 3, 1839. Mr. Clarke's second union, which was with Sarah A. Wood, resulted in the birth of nine children, namely: Lafayette, born on October 24, 1840; Sarah A., August 21, 1842; Jemima L., August 2, 1844; Phoebe D., March 30, 1846, who died on April 7, 1864; Charles, the subject of this sketch; Jane E., November 3, 1850; Allison G., September 3, 1852, who died on January 22, 1853; Burdette E., July 7, 1854, and Clarence E., October 6, 1856, who died on March 20, 1873.

Ebenezer Clarke, father of the above named children, and his brother, Nelson W. Clarke, were superintendents and contractors, respectively, in the work of rebuilding the Sault Ste. Marie government canal in 1859, and subsequently they were influential in the development of the salt industries of the Saginaw valley, Michigan, and the oil interests of western Ontario, Canada.

Charles Clarke spent his childhood in Oakland county, being a small boy when the family moved to Genesee county. He received his education in the district schools and in the high school at Fenton, after which he was in the government service, as clerk in the general transfer department, Army of the Cumberland, during the Civil War, and was stationed at Nashville, Tennessee, and vicinity, from 1863 to 1865. After returning home at the close of the war he went to Lincoln county, Missouri, where he taught school for some time, then entered his railroad career, April 1, 1872, as station agent at Fenton, Michigan, for the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad, which road, with others, was absorbed by the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. He has continued in the service of the latter and its affiliated lines to the present time, or for a period of forty-four years, filling various positions with fidelity, ability and general satisfaction, and is now in charge of the industrial development work of all the Grand Trunk Railway System, Western lines, with the title of assistant commissioner of industries.

On November 8, 1870, at Fenton, Michigan, Charles Clarke was married to Alice E. Pritchard, who was born in Perry, New York, May 26, 1851, a daughter of George W. and Sarah I. (Jillson) Pritchard, who were married at Perry, Wyoming county, New York, in August, 1850. The mother was a daughter of Samuel H. and Eliza (Jewell) Jillson, who were married, February 16, 1823, at Cozenovia, New York. Where they spent the rest of their lives. Sarah I. Jillson was a direct descendant of Thomas Jewell, of Braintree, Massachusetts, her grandfather having been Oliver Jewell (sixth generation). Sarah I. Jillson was born in Cozenovia, New York, November 23, 1833, and her death occurred at Fenton, Michigan,

September 7, 1905. Two children have been born to Charles Clarke and wife, George Willis, born at Fenton, January 24, 1873, and Julia Elizabeth, born in Ovid, Michigan, July 27, 1880.

Politically, Mr. Clarke is a Republican. He belongs to the Detroit Board of Commerce, the Detroit Board of Trade, Detroit Transportation Club, Detroit City Service League, the National Geographical Society, of Washington, D. C., and has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for many years.

CHARLES J. CAMPBELL.

In these days of large commercial transactions, when credits cut a large factor in the daily round of business, the province of the banker is very wide and very important. The excellence of the banks of the present compared with those of the past gives to all classes of business men first-class security for their deposits; assistance when they are in need of ready money to move their business, and a means of exchanging credits that could be accomplished in no other way. One of the leading bankers of Genesee county is Charles J. Campbell, president of the State Savings Bank of Fenton.

Charles J. Campbell was born in Genesee county, Michigan, June 5, 1862. He is a son of Daniel and Bridget (Henderson) Campbell. The father was born in November, 1838, and died on October 25, 1914. The mother was born in Michigan, in 1844, and is now living in the city of Grand Rapids. John Campbell, the grandfather, brought his family to Ontario in an early day, finally joining his son, Daniel, in Genesee county, Michigan, where he spent the latter years of his life in retirement, after a long career as general farmer. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. Daniel Campbell came to Genesee county in 1850, and worked on the Grand Trunk Railroad many years, later becoming general manager of the Grand Rapids Street Railway Company for a period of fifteen years, being construction manager at the time of his death. He was a man of much executive ability and filled these responsible positions with eminent satisfaction to his employers. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. His family consisted of three children, namely: Charles J., the subject of this sketch; Effie, who married W. H. Sprague, and Frank, who is the youngest of the family.

Charles J. Campbell completed his schooling in the high school of

Fenton. He engaged successfully in the machine and foundry business for a period of twenty-seven years and is one of the stockholders in the Walker Manufacturing Company. For seven years he was superintendent of the Egyptian Cement Company of Fenton. He turned his attention to the banking business in 1910, and as president of the State Savings Bank of Fenton has become a potent factor in the financial circles of Genesee and adjoining counties. This bank was organized on January 1, 1909, and Mr. Campbell has been a stockholder in the same since its organization, and president since 1913. The bank is regarded as one of the sound and safe banks of this section of the state and does a general banking business along conservative lines. Mr. Campbell owns one of the fine farms of this state, consisting of two hundred and fourteen acres in Oakland county, less than a mile east of Fenton. He has been very successful in business.

In 1885 Charles J. Campbell was married to Elizabeth Thorp. He has long been active in public affairs and has done much for the general welfare and development of Fenton. He has been mayor of the city five times, and has been a member of the school board for twelve years.

LUCIUS ALLEN DUNTON.

One of the progressive farmers of Fenton township is Lucius Allen Dunton, a scion of two sterling old families of the Wolverine state. He has evidently inherited many of the commendable attributes of his ancestors and is therefore an honored and useful citizen. He was born at Holly, Oakland county, August 27, 1857, a son of John W. and Mary Ann (Cook) Dunton. The father was born in Vermont, March 19, 1812, and died in Eaton county, Michigan, December 29, 1877. The mother was born on March 16, 1825, and died in Holly township, Oakland county, Michigan, June 16, 1864. To these parents the following children were born: Lydia, born on September 13, 1847, who married Charles Sadden, of Fenton; Henry Aaron, May 20, 1849, who disappeared many years ago and his whereabouts are still unknown; John Alonzo, June 11, 1853, who died in January, 1878; Arby H., February 8, 1855, who was twice married, first to Elida Norton, and lastly to Luella Norton, his first wife's cousin; Lucius Allen, the subject of this sketch, and Herbert, born on September 4, 1859, who has remained unmarried.

John W. Dunton lived in Holly township, Oakland county until Lucius

A. Dunton was ten years old, then moved to Eaton county and lived at Potterville until he was killed by a fall from a tree. He was three times married, his second wife being Julian A. Thompson, a widow, who had two children by a previous marriage, Samuel and George. The third wife of John W. Dunton was Mrs. Love, a widow, who had two children by her marriage with Mr. Dunton, Nellie and Enon, but none by her first marriage.

Lucius A. Dunton grew up on the farm and received a common-school education. He began life for himself on an eighty-acre farm in Cedar Creek township, Wexford county, Michigan, where he continued to reside for a period of twenty-four years, then sold out and came to Genesee county and purchased a farm of seventy-nine acres, all within the corporation limits of the village of Fenton and extending along the Oakland county line. He soon remodeled the dwelling and in 1916 built a new barn, put up much wire fencing and made many other improvements. He has modern improvements about his buildings, including electric lights. He keeps large numbers of horses and hogs.

On December 9, 1885, Lucius A. Dunton was married in Tyrone township, Livingston county, to Carrie E. Perry, who was born there on May 23, 1867, and is a daughter of George G. and Mary A. (Petty) Perry. Her maternal grandfather, Joseph H. Petty, was born in Warren county, New Jersey, January 7, 1813. He came West, settling in Oakland county, Michigan, later coming to Genesee county. When twenty years old he married Esther Steele. He farmed seventeen years in New Jersey and then came by wagon overland to Michigan, to join his parents at Clarkston. He spent nineteen years on a farm in Oakland county, then joined his children at Fenton. His wife died on July 12, 1888, at the age of eighty-two years, that being the first death in the family for fifty years. To these parents six children were born: Mary A., mother of Mrs. Dunton; Jane, John, Robert, Sarah and Effie. Adam Perry, Mrs. Dunton's paternal grandfather, who was a native of New Jersey, married Isabel Giddings. They came to Michigan in an early day, bought a farm in Oakland county and lived there until moving to Fenton, retiring from active life, and there Adam Perry died.

George G. Perry, father of Mrs. Dunton, was born in Oakland county, Michigan, in 1834, and died at the home of the subject of this sketch on February 21, 1911. He grew up on the farm, received a good education and began teaching school at the age of seventeen years, continuing teaching for a number of years in Oakland and Livingston counties. Later he turned his attention to farming and pre-empted land in Tyrone township, Livingston county. He retired from active life one year prior to his death. His

family consisted of nine children, namely: James, who is practicing dentistry in Detroit; Nelson, who is farming in Cass county, Michigan; Alice, who lives at Marion; Carrie E., wife of Mr. Dunton; Effie, who makes her home in Livingston county; Nettie, who lives in Fenton; Josephine, who lives in Fowlerville; Eliza, who died in Cass county, and Frank, who died in Tyrone township, Livingston county.

To Lucius A. Dunton and wife four children have been born, namely: Willie, born on March 4, 1887; Grace, October 17, 1889, who died on May 24, 1891; John E., February 21, 1892, who died on July 31, 1913, at the age of twenty-one, meeting death by drowning while bathing in Long Lake, and Harold James, March 8, 1896, who was educated in the public schools of Wexford county and the Fenton high school, is now attending school at Ypsilanti.

Mr. Dunton is a Republican and is active in local politics. He was a member of the Congregational church of Tyrone up to 1911, but since then has been a Baptist.

HARRY H. ENDERS.

Another of the old soldiers who was willing to make sacrifices and risk his life during the crisis of the sixties in order that the nation might live, is Harry H. Enders, a retired farmer of Goodrich, a man who has been known as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of Genesee county for many years. He was born in Erie county, New York, April 1, 1841, and is a son of Philip and Anna (Hummel) Enders, natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. Philip Enders served in the War of 1812. The latter's grandfather, Christian Philip Enders, was born in Nassau, Germany, in 1740. He served his allotted time in the German army, and came to the United States in 1764, locating in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, among the earliest settlers there. He was an educated man and taught one of the first schools in that county.

Harry H. Enders grew to manhood on the farm in Erie county, New York, where he attended school, and later studied two years at the academy at Williamsville, that state. On July 21, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Sixteenth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, spending two years with the army in Louisiana, and was in the siege of Port Hudson and the battles of Pleasant Hill, Sabine Crossroads and a number of skirmishes. He was wounded in the right arm above the elbow

during the siege of Port Hudson. In July, 1864, he was detailed with his regiment to duty under General Sheridan, in the Shenandoah valley, in Virginia, and fought at Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. He made an excellent record as a soldier and was honorably discharged on June 8, 1865, after taking part in the Grand Review in Washington.

After his career in the army, Mr. Enders returned to Erie county, New York, and on July 23, 1865, married Maria Hoil, who was born in that county, February 24, 1844, a daughter of John and Fanny (Reid) Hoil, natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. Her mother's maternal grandfather was a soldier in the American Revolution. Mr. Enders is one of a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, and Mrs. Enders is one of ten children born to her parents.

In 1868 Harry H. Enders moved with his family to Genesee county and located in Atlas township, two miles southwest of Goodrich, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres. He has been very successful as a general farmer and is now owner of a fine farm of two hundred and seventy-eight acres. When he came back from the war he had only four hundred and fifty dollars, and he has made his present excellent property by his own efforts. Mr. Enders is a Democrat and served as drain commissioner of his township for two years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Enders have been born nine children, namely: Addison Grant, born in New York, who died when eighteen years old; Orville, who died when ten months old; Anna, who died when fifteen years old; Nettie B., who died when four and one-half months old; Ethel, who died when fifteen years old; Edwin, a twin of Ethel, who died when twenty-four years old; Melvin P., William H., and George B., living. Melvin P. Enders, who makes his home at Fenton, married Maude Townsend and has three children, two sons and one daughter, Rowena, Linford and Melvin, Jr. Melvin P. Enders, Sr., is engaged in the drug business at Fenton. He is well educated, having attended college at Ada, Ohio, where he took a course in pharmacy.

Dr. William H. Enders, a practicing physician at Jackson, Michigan, is a specialist of note in the treatment of stomach and bowel troubles. He was graduated from the medical department of the University of Michigan in 1907, after which he practiced two years at Eaton Rapids, this state; then went to Germany, where he spent one summer taking a post-graduate course in various medical institutions, principally at Berlin. During that period he made a general tour of Europe and visited the home of his ancestors in Nassau. Upon his return to Michigan he located at Jackson, where he has

since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. He married Kitty Kline, of Hillsdale, this state, and to their union two daughters have been born, Virginia and Mary Louise. George B. Enders attended high school at Flint, then Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, and also graduated in pharmacy at Ada, Ohio. He is now living on his father's farm near Goodrich. He married Bessie Pearson.

Harry H. Enders first came to Genesee county two years before the commencement of the Civil War, engaging at farm work during two summers and spending one winter in the lumber woods. He has noted many changes in the general growth in Atlas township and the country in general during the period of sixty-seven years since he first saw the locality. He retired from active life in March, 1909, moving to Goodrich, and two years later built his present beautiful home, modern in every detail, and there he and his faithful life companion are quietly spending their declining years in peace and comfort, esteemed by all who know them.

MATTHEW B. SMITH, M. D.

Success in the medical profession comes as a result of merit and painstaking effort. In the industrial world one may, by the proverbial "lucky stroke," win great results or may come into possession of a lucrative business through inheritance, but professional advancement, especially as a physician, is to be depended on solely by critical study and consecutive research long continued. Dr. Matthew B. Smith, of Fenton, is one of the leading physicians and representative citizens of Genesee county, a man who takes an active part in all that makes toward the general improvement of his town and community.

Dr. Matthew B. Smith was born in Mundy township, this county, April 27, 1872, a son of A. A. and Susan (Baldwin) Smith, both natives of Michigan, the mother born in Genesee county. She was a daughter of Morgan Baldwin, who came to this county in 1832, among the early pioneers, and homesteaded in Mundy township. He had to borrow fire from his nearest neighbor, who lived not so very near, as we of today reckon nearness. He endured the usual hardships of frontier life, but cleared his land and developed a good farm. He had a family of seven children. He took an interest in public affairs and was the first town clerk in Mundy township. He was a stockholder in the first plank road built through this locality.

William A. Smith, the Doctor's paternal grandfather, came to Genesee county from Oakland county in an early day and was a soldier in the Civil War, becoming corporal in a Michigan cavalry regiment. He died of fever while at the front and was buried in Arlington cemetery, Washington, D. C. The Doctor's father died in 1890, at the age of forty-one years. The mother is living in Detroit. To these parents three children were born, namely: Dr. V. L. Smith, who is practicing medicine in Detroit; Dr. Claude A. Smith, who is also practicing medicine in Detroit, and Dr. Matthew B. Smith, the subject of this sketch. The father of these children was a contractor and builder, and was in business in Flint most of the time before his death.

Doctor Smith received his early schooling in the public schools of Flint, and after leaving the high school entered the Detroit Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, with the class of 1898, and soon thereafter began the practice of his profession in Argentine, where he remained seven years, enjoying a good practice. From there he moved, in 1905, to Fenton, where he has since practiced his profession and has been very successful, occupying a position in the front rank of his professional brethren in this and adjoining counties.

Doctor Smith is a Republican and is active in public affairs. He has been secretary of the school board of Fenton for some time. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar and is also a member of the Genesee County Medical Society, of the Michigan State Medical Association and of the American Medical Association.

CHARLES S. JAMESON.

A farmer might as well expect continually to check against his account at the bank and expect always to have a balance there, as continually to crop his land without returning any plant food to the soil and expect continually to have fertile fields. Charles Jameson, a farmer of Fenton township, has understood this and other important facts of farming and has avoided many common mistakes. He was born in this county, July 31, 1866, and is a son of Silas H. and Rhoda A. (Thompkins) Jameson and a grandson of John B. Jameson, who was a native of Canandaigua county, New York, from which he came to Michigan in 1837, taking up government land in Mundy township, this county, and there developed a good farm, on which

he lived until old age, when he retired and moved to the village of Linden, where he spent his last days. Silas H. Jameson was born in the state of New York in 1830, and was seven years old when he was brought to Genesee county by his parents. Here he grew to manhood, assisted his father on the home farm and attended the pioneer schools. He engaged in general farming here until he retired, spending his last few years in Linden, his death occurring in 1911. He was twice married. His first wife, Rhoda A. Thompkins, died in 1888, leaving two children, Charles S., the subject of this sketch, and George. His second wife was Flora Ripley, this last union being without issue. Silas H. Jameson owned a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Fenton township. He took up a homestead of one hundred and twenty acres in Mundy township when a young man, but that he sold later.

Charles Jameson grew up on the home farm, where he worked hard during the crop seasons, and in the winter time attended the Linden public schools. He has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising, and owns a well-improved place of one hundred and sixteen acres in Fenton township, to which he moved in 1895, and during his residence of over twenty years there he has made many changes, including the building, in 1910, of a new barn, thirty by ninety feet.

On February 20, 1889, Charles S. Jameson was married to Carrie M. Glover, who was born in Genesee county, where she grew up and attended school. She is a daughter of Henry and Lydia (Alger) Glover, the former of whom was the first white male child born in Mundy township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Emerald Hartwell, who was born in 1902. She is a relative of the family and was taken into Mr. Jameson's home when only five months old. She is now attending school. Mr. Jameson is a Democrat.

CHARLES E. ROLLAND.

Nature has offered the agriculturalist unusual advantages in Genesee county and has seldom failed to reward the earnest worker with gratifying results, and when the tillers of the soil are prosperous all lines of business flourish, consequently not only the farmers have succeeded in this locality but also the merchants, millers, manufacturers, lumbermen, stock dealers and many others. Charles E. Rolland, who is engaged in the dry goods

business at Fenton, is one of the leading merchants of the county and a representative citizen.

Charles E. Rolland was born in Fenton on July 15, 1872, and has been content to spend most of his life in his native vicinity. He is a son of C. F. and Sarah (Lehan) Rolland, the latter a daughter of Thomas Lehan, formerly of Ireland. Grandfather George Frederick Rolland was a native of France, from which country he came to America and located in Oswego, New York, where he followed his trade as tailor. Upon retiring from active life he came to Michigan to live with his son, C. F. Rolland, at Fenton. C. F. Rolland was born in New York, where he grew up and received a public-school education. He was a stone engraver, which trade he followed all his life. He went to Montreal, Canada, where he spent many years, then moved to Chicago and from there to Detroit, where he married Sarah Lehan, who was born in Ireland, from which country she came to America when eighteen years old. C. F. Rolland located at Fenton in 1865 and engaged in the monument business, which he followed until four years prior to his death, which occurred in 1911. He was at one time village president and was a member of the board of village trustees, a member of the school board and of the board of local affairs. He was a Republican and belonged to the Episcopal church. His widow still lives in Fenton. They were the parents of the following children, namely: Frederick George, Frank Clement, Ward S., Charles Emerson, Arthur J., Clara, Helen Pauline, who married C. B. Scott, who is engaged in business with the subject of this sketch, and Ward, who died at the age of twenty-one years. Frederick G. Rolland married Margaret Eddy. He lives in Chicago where, with a partner, he is engaged in the lithograph business, under the firm name of the Rolland, Carquebrille Lithograph Company. Frank C. Rolland, who has been engaged in the drug business for himself for about eighteen years, now lives in Alamogordo, New Mexico. He is married. Arthur J. Rolland has been engaged in the drug business at Carrizozo, New Mexico, for about ten years. He married Marjorie McDonald, a daughter of the present governor of New Mexico.

Charles E. Rolland completed his schooling in the high school at Fenton. On July 14, 1909, he married Grace L. Donovan, who was born in Oakland county, Michigan, and is a daughter of Thomas L. and Clara (Gardner) Donovan. Mr. Rolland has been engaged in the dry-goods business for five years, the firm being a corporation in which his brother, Fred Rolland; his brother-in-law, C. B. Scott, and himself are the principal stockholders. The business was incorporated in February, 1910. They carry on

a general dry-goods business and handle carpets and rugs. A large and carefully selected stock is to be found in their store at all seasons and their hundreds of customers are drawn from all over the county. C. B. Scott was born in Oakland county, Michigan, July 29, 1865, a son of William F. Scott and wife. He formerly owned the store in which he is now a partner, conducting it alone for some time.

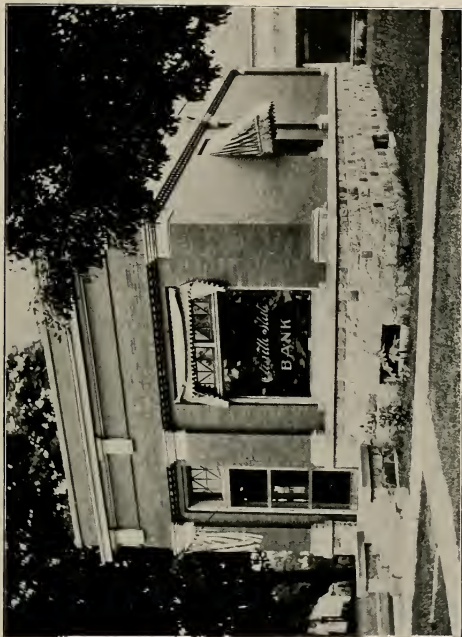
Politically, Charles E. Rolland is a Republican. He belongs to the Masonic order, and is a Knight Templar, past commander of the local commandery. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal church.

CLINTON D. DOANE.

Farming as now carried on, or as it should be conducted, is somewhat of an intricate science, and the best and brightest minds of the country have not thought it beneath their dignity to give it the best of their genius. One of the thoughtful and painstaking farmers of Forest township, Genesee county, is Clinton D. Doane, also president of the Otisville State Bank and leading business man. He was born in Wyoming county, New York, February 20, 1850, and is a son of Erastus W. and Hannah Jane (Skinner) Doane. The father, who was born in Pembroke, Genesee county, New York, March 17, 1826, was a descendant of Deacon John Doane, who joined the Plymouth colony. Erastus W. Doane was a son of William, son of Israel, Jr., son of Israel, Sr., son of Price, son of Israel, son of Daniel, the latter being a son of Deacon John Doane, mentioned above, who immigrated from England to Massachusetts in the year 1629, from whom sprang the numerous Doane family in America. He served as a deacon in the Plymouth colony for a number of years. Hannah Jane Skinner, mother of the subject of this sketch, was born in Norwich, Connecticut, August 16, 1827, of English descent. When a young girl she came with her parents to the state of New York, where she grew to womanhood, met and married Erastus W. Doane. They lived in Wyoming county until 1867, when they moved to Eldred, McKean county, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Doane bought a farm of one hundred and thirty-six acres, on which he spent ten years. He then sold it and entered the mercantile business in Eldred, which he continued for fifteen years, then retired from active life. His death occurred there, February 24, 1906; his widow died in Cleveland, on July 13, 1912. They were parents of three children, namely: Cassius E., born May 25, 1847,



Samuel Doane & Clinton D. Doane



OTISVILLE STATE BANK.

died in Eldred, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1868; Clinton D., of this sketch; Martha, born December 7, 1852, is the widow of Arthur Lovejoy, and lives in Eldred, Pennsylvania.

Clinton D. Doane received his education in the schools of Franklinville, New York, then graduated from Pembroke Free Academy, in Cattaraugus county, New York, having completed the English course there. He remained with his parents in Eldred, Pennsylvania, until he was twenty years old, then, in 1870, he went to New York state for one year to complete his education. He then came to Genesee county, Michigan, locating in Genesee township, where he taught one term of school, following teaching in this county for a period of twenty-five years, during which period he was one of the best known and most popular of our common school teachers. While teaching in Forest township he met and married, on March 14, 1875, Linnie Jane Seeley, a daughter of Norris O. and Elizabeth Seeley. He continued to teach, but he purchased a farm of seventy-six acres in that township, which place he increased to one hundred and sixteen acres, then sold forty acres. They lived there fifteen years, then moved to Otisville and bought a farm near the village, consisting of twenty-eight acres. He owns a total of one hundred and ninety-four acres of land in Forest and Thetford townships. He has lived at Otisville since 1889. He was one of the principal organizers of the Otisville State Bank, on March 26, 1907, and he has been a stockholder, director and president of the same ever since. Its pronounced success has been due to his able management and keen business acumen and foresight. It is one of the sound and popular institutions of its kind in this section of the state.

Specific mention should be made of Mr. Doane's operations as an apiarist, in which he has been interested for thirty-five years. He has given close attention and careful study to bee culture and has been unusually successful. During these years he has always kept from three hundred to five hundred colonies of bees, which have produced from five to eight tons of honey each year. In recent years he has kept between four hundred and five hundred colonies, separated in four yards and producing from seven to eight tons of honey. The management of bees is no easy thing and Mr. Doane enjoys a well-earned reputation through his success as an apiarist.

Politically, Mr. Doane is a Republican. He has served two terms as village president, was school inspector for several years and served as justice of the peace for fourteen years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Otisville and for the past twelve years has been a deacon in

that congregation. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of Otisville Lodge No. 401, Free and Accepted Masons, in 1890.

Mr. Doane had three children, namely: Byron C., born June 16, 1877, is a Pullman conductor on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, running between Cincinnati and Jacksonville, Florida; Cornelius D., born May 26, 1879, lives in Forest township; Bessie Belle, born February 12, 1886, died November 28, 1904.

CLIFFORD JUDSON PHILLIPS.

Clifford J. Phillips was born in Genesee county, December 11, 1882, and is a son of Judson and Grace E. (Bishop) Phillips. His maternal grandparents, Frederick and Margaret (Pratt) Bishop, came to Genesee county in 1861, and engaged in the grocery business at Fenton for some time. Frederick Bishop was an active man in the affairs of his community in the early days. He was a son of Julian Bishop, who was a pioneer county surveyor and civil engineer in this county, having removed to Michigan from Livingston county, New York. He also taught school in his early career. At the time of his death, he had his home near Holly, Michigan. Margaret Pratt was a daughter of Ebenezer Pratt, a native of Ontario, New York, who married Rachel Ann Dibble, of Dutchess county, that state. They came to Genesee county, Michigan, in 1834, among the first settlers, and took up land from the government. Mr. Pratt was a carpenter and contractor. Mr. Phillips' paternal grandfather, Charles B. Phillips, was a native of New York state. He came to Michigan late in life and settled at Hartford, later moving to Fenton, where he resided until his death. Judson B. Phillips was born on November 18, 1854, and died on May 30, 1894. For a number of years prior to his death he was superintendent of the A. J. Phillips Company, and was one of the principal stockholders of that concern. After his death his widow remarried and is living with her second husband, Hadley Gould, in the village of Fenton. Clifford Judson Phillips was one of two children by her first marriage, the daughter, Nellie, having died in 1900. Her second marriage resulted in the birth of two children, Elizabeth and Kenneth, both living at home.

Clifford J. Phillips was educated in the public schools of Fenton and is a graduate of the high school. He also attended school at the Michigan Military Academy and Colorado College. On June 28, 1905, he married Mabel Corrigan, who was born in Fenton, March 24, 1885, a daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Corrigan. To this union two children have been born, Nellie, born on August 15, 1906, and Charles Judson, September 19, 1914.

Mr. Phillips was a stockholder of the A. J. Phillips Company of Fenton until the business was sold. He is at present employed in the offices of the Aetna Portland Cement Company, of Fenton. Politically, Mr. Phillips is a Republican. He is a member of the local school board, and belongs to the Masonic order, including the Commandery, and is a past commander of that organization. He and his family are adherents of St. Jude's Episcopal church.

HENRY G. MASON.

One of the highly-respected and substantial farmers and stock raisers of Genesee county is Henry G. Mason, owner and proprietor of "Hickory Grove Stock Farm," situated one and one-half miles east of the village of Grand Blanc, on the Perry road, where he is extensively engaged in raising thoroughbred Holstein cattle. Mr. Mason was born on January 13, 1847, in Springfield township, Oakland county, Michigan, the son of Daniel and Maria (Best) Mason, both of whom were natives of New York State.

Daniel Mason was born in New Hartford, New York, where he grew up and where he married Maria Best, of the same place. They came to Michigan about 1845, and located on a farm in Oakland county, and when Henry G. was about two years old the family moved to Bangor, about where Bay City is now located, where there was a saw-mill and lumber camp. They conducted a boarding-house for the lumbermen at that place for two years, after which they moved to a farm in section 13, in the east edge of Mundy township, Genesee county, situated on the Fenton road, and there they again engaged in the hotel business, conducting what was known as the Mason Hotel, which did a very flourishing business in that section prior to 1850, but after the railroads were put through this part of the state, their business fell off, and they later sold the farm and moved to Flint, where Daniel Mason died on April 14, 1880. Mrs. Mason then made her home with her son, Charles in Grand Blanc township, where her death occurred on November 2, 1903. They were the parents of four children: Mary, deceased, who was the wife of David Schram; Charles, deceased; Frances, deceased, who was the wife of John Wolverton, and Henry G., the only survivor of the family.

Henry G. Mason received his education in the public schools of his home district, and assisted his father on the farm and in the hotel business until his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-six years of age. For two years thereafter he lived at Grand Blanc, where he was employed in a store owned by his wife's brother, Joshua K. Perry. He then spent three years on the old home farm in Mundy township, after which he purchased an eighty-acre farm in Atlas township, where he lived four years. He then disposed of that farm and bought a farm of one hundred and five acres in or near the village of Swartz Creek, and was there engaged in farming for twenty-four years. In 1907 he sold out and moved to the village of Grand Blanc, where he bought his present home, which is a good, modern brick residence, neat and substantial. He also bought the David Dewey farm of one hundred and twenty-nine acres, which has been taken up and cleared by Charles Bates, just east of Grand Blanc, and there Mr. Mason is extensively engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of thoroughbred Holstein cattle.

On October 23, 1872, Henry G. Mason was married to Ida C. Perry, a daughter of Seymour and Mary Ann (Johnson) Perry, members of one of the pioneer families of this county. Seymour Perry was a son of Edmund Perry, Sr., and wife, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume in the biographical sketch of Joseph Hobart. The Perry family was the second family to settle in Genesee county, and were from the beginning a highly-esteemed and influential family. Seymour Perry was ten years old when he came here in the fall of 1826 with his mother and others of the family who came to rejoin his father, who had come to Michigan in the fall of 1825 and settled one and one-half miles east of Grand Blanc. After Seymour Perry grew to manhood in the primitive surroundings of that early day, he purchased a farm one mile west and one mile south of Grand Blanc, and settled there in the woods as his father had done on the old home farm. For years afterward it was wild land all around him, and his children recall that in their childhood there were wolves about and many deer and other wild game came close to the house. When the children went to school they had to follow a trail through the forest one and one-half miles east to the Holly road on which the school house stood.

Seymour Perry lived on that place nearly twenty years, and then traded with his father for a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of the old home farm east of Grand Blanc, and there spent the rest of his life. He was for years a director in the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Genesee county, and took an active interest in the development

of the county. He married Mary Ann Johnson, who was born in New York state, a daughter of Samuel Johnson and wife. To that union were born seven children: Lee C., of Grand Blanc; Joshua K., of Grand Blanc; John A., who died in 1908; Ida, wife of Henry G. Mason; Nellie, wife of George Mason, of South Dakota; Lizzie, wife of Frank Swift, of Auburn, New York; Ella, who lives at Grand Blanc with her brother, Joshua K., and Jennie, who died at the age of two years. Seymour Perry died in Grand Blanc township in February, 1893, and his widow died in November, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason are attendants of the Congregational church, in which Mrs. Mason is an active and earnest worker, while Mr. Mason is a member of the board of trustees of the same and among its most liberal supporters. He is a Republican in politics and is public-spirited and liberal, always ready to lend his assistance to every good cause which has for its object the betterment of his community.

ANDREW J. PHILLIPS.

Upon the roll of representative citizens of Genesee county of a past generation consistently appears the name of the late Andrew J. Phillips, for over three decades a prominent manufacturer of Fenton, a citizen who was highly esteemed for his many commendable attributes of head and heart.

Andrew J. Phillips was born in Hartland township, Livingston county, Michigan, October 9, 1837. He was a son of Charles B. and Mary (Morse) Phillips. The father was a native of New York, from which state he removed to Michigan in 1836 and here took up a homestead, being among the early pioneers. He developed a good farm by hard work and persistent effort, and continued to operate the same until 1862 when he sold out and moved to Milford, but a few years later located in Fenton, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a Republican, and belonged to the "Hardshell" Baptist church. He was married four times. His children by Mary Morse were Alva, Emily, Andrew J., Edward, Fannie, Eliza and Charles.

Andrew J. Phillips was educated in the common schools of Milford. On May 7, 1862, he married Julia Anna Bullard, who was born in Oakland county, Michigan, January 2, 1843, a daughter of Silas and Diantha (Madison) Bullard. After his marriage Mr. Phillips located at Milford, Michigan where he engaged in manufacturing pumps for a period of six years, then, in 1869, moved to Fenton, where he spent the rest of his life, and

there he continued the manufacture of pumps, finally converting his business into a woodenware factory, owning and operating his plant alone for some time, but in later years he took in members of his family, who kept the business going several years after his death, W. B. Phillips, his oldest son, proving to be quite successful in the same. The plant was sold in 1912 to a Detroit firm, which operated it until it was destroyed by fire.

Andrew J. Phillips was very active in the affairs of his community, contributing freely of his means and time to charitable and other movements having for their object the general good of the people of Fenton and Genesee county; however, many of his benefactions were unknown to the public; as he gave through a sense of duty rather than to win the applause of his fellow men. After his death, which occurred on June 14, 1904, it was found that he had willed the town of Fenton his office building to be used as a public library, and it is now known as the A. J. Phillips library, occupying a neat frame building, a story and a half high, in the business center of the town and contains a very creditable collection of books and periodicals.

Julia A. Bullard, who married Andrew J. Phillips, was educated in the early-day schools of Oakland county, where her father, Silas Bullard, was an influential citizen. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips resulted in the birth of three children, W. B., Edward and Harry J. W. B. Phillips married Sarah Gallup, by whom one child was born, Julia M., who married Charles E. Hart of Detroit, and to them one child has been born, Dorothy Hart. W. B. Phillips and wife make their home in Fenton. Edward Phillips married Elouise Fisher, lives in Fenton, and has two children, Donald and Robert. Harry J. Phillips married Georgiana Marshall and lives in Detroit. Mrs. Julia A. Phillips still lives in the commodious family home in Fenton.

A history of the Bullard family may be accurately traced back to the early settlement of America, the first of the name to come to our shores from the Old World being George Bullard, who was born in England and came to America in 1620, and from him the numerous Bullard family in the United States is descended. He was admitted freeman of and settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, about 1644. He bought land and was an original grantee, and there he continued to reside until his death, which occurred on January 14, 1688. He married Beatrice Hall of Boston, and they became the parents of four children, Mary, Jacob, Sarah, Jonathan—all mentioned in the records of Watertown, Massachusetts. The second wife of George Bullard was Mary Marplehead. Jonathan Bullard, fourth child of George and Beatrice (Hall) Bullard, married Hester Morse, December 9, 1669, she having been a daughter of Joseph and Hester Morse, of Watertown, and to

their union four children were born, Hester, Jonathan, Hannah and Joseph. Jonathan Bullard, Jr., married Hannah Morse, about 1698, and to them were born ten children, Amy, Jonathan, Samuel, Thankful, Moses, Mary, Abigail, Anna, Thankful the second, and Ebenezer. Jonathan Bullard, the third, first married on March 23, 1720, Elizabeth Barnes, who died in 1723, and he subsequently married Ruth Harrington, and to them were born eight children, Jonathan, Ruth, Eliza, Abigail, Samuel, Moses, Phineas and Josiah. Jonathan Bullard, son of Jonathan and Ruth (Harrington) Bullard, was twice married; first, to Anna Harrington, who died about 1753, and to them were born four children, Silas, Isaac, Sybilla and Hannah. His second wife was Lydia Foster, whom he married in 1755, and to them eleven children were born, Dorothy, Ruth, Jonathan, Abigail, Patty, Phineas, Moses, Valentine, Ebenezer, Hephsebeth and Lydia. The last-named Jonathan Bullard became a captain in the early wars of this country, in 1764; he was a noted man in this locality, and his name appears on the town records as early as November 4, 1759. He was selectman, town treasurer, assessor, a deacon of his church, and a member of the state Legislature from 1777 to 1780; was also a representative in 1789 and in 1793. He was active in his town during the Revolutionary War. He was often called upon to settle disputes among his neighbors. In 1750 he located in Oakham, Massachusetts, being one of the first in that vicinity. His sons, Silas, Isaac and Samuel, all served in the Revolutionary War. Silas married on April 9, 1770, Polly Furniss, who was born in 1751, and died on February 1, 1821. He built the house where Sanford H. Bullard now resides in Oakham. His children were: Betty, Benjamin, Alpheus, Ruth, Allen, William, Polly, Silas, Edith, Meussa, Calvin and Yoel. Alpheus Bullard, mentioned above, was born in Oakham, March 22, 1775, married Patty Green in 1799. He was a farmer, and moved about considerably, going from New England to New York state, thence to Michigan in 1837, locating fifty miles north of Detroit, where the death of his wife occurred on September 2, 1843, at the age of sixty years. Their children were: Hubbard, Benjamin, Joseph, Mary, Solomon, Silas and Edwin. Alpheus Bullard's second marriage was to Mrs. Martha DeWolf. Silas Bullard took up his residence in this state when his father and family settled here. He was a farmer and mechanic, but devoted most of his life to farming. He spent the last part of his life in Fenton, where he died on May 19, 1883, his widow surviving until February 9, 1888. They were parents of Edwin Alpheus Bullard, who was born on November 10, 1840. He enlisted for service in the Civil War, August 29, 1861, in the "Fighting Fifth" Regiment, Michi-

gan Volunteer Infantry, took part in the engagements at Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Richmond and siege of Yorktown and rose to the rank of corporal. Julia Anna Bullard, who became the wife of the subject of this memorial sketch, was the second child of Silas Bullard and wife.

WILFORD P. COOK.

It must be true that an honest, faithful, capable life, considered even its temporal relations, is not lived in vain; that its influence is not as transient and evanescent as mere physical vitality, but that the progress of mankind, in all that is virtuous and ennobling, is accelerated by it; that although the life of one man may be a small factor in the aggregate lives of the race, yet if well spent, its after influence is perceptible and continues to endure for the good of mankind. One such life of a past generation in Genesee county was that of the late Wilford P. Cook, a well-remembered citizen of Fenton, a successful man of affairs and an active and influential man in the general upbuilding of his community along material, civic and moral lines.

Wilford P. Cook was born in Watson's Run, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1854. He was a son of Henry D. and Mary Ann (Gowdy) Cook, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew up, attended school, were married and spent most of their lives on a farm, but they finally removed to Conneaut, Ohio, where they died. They were members of the Presbyterian church, and their family consisted of seven children, Emily, Lester, Sanford, Wilford P., Hattie, Harry and Anna.

Wilford P. Cook grew up in Pennsylvania and there received his education in the public schools and in an academy. He came to Genesee county, Michigan, in 1881. He engaged in the drug business at first, then turned his attention to the manufacture of whip sockets, and at the time of his death, which occurred on April 18, 1911, he was a member of the Walker Manufacturing Company. He was a member of the Episcopal church, in which he was a vestryman, and was always active in church affairs. Politically, he was a Democrat, and took a leading part in local politics and was influential in the affairs of his town and county in a public way, always alert for the good of the community. He was president of the town of Fenton for a number of years. He was a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in that order, and was a Knight Templar.

On June 17, 1889, Wilford P. Cook was married to Annie Barrows, who has lived in Fenton since she was about five years old, and to that union two sons were born, John L., who was educated at the University of Michigan, a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, and is now president of the Walker Manufacturing Company, and Ernest A., who was graduated from the Detroit Medical School, University of Michigan, in 1914, and went to Europe at the age of twenty years to complete his education. He is a member of the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity.

CHARLES HENRY LEAL.

One of the enterprising merchants of Genessee county is Charles Henry Leal, whose clothing establishment in Fenton is well known throughout that locality, for he is a man with whom it is a pleasure to deal, being courteous, obliging, honest and fair-minded in all relations of life.

Charles Henry Leal was born in Delaware county, New York, September 23, 1870, a son of John Henry and Mary (Shirr) Leal, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter, of Berlin, Germany. John B. Leal, father of John Henry Leal, was a native of the state of New York; was for some time head salesman for the Allen-Cheldon Company, later was connected with Edison, Moore & Company of Detroit, finally moving to Huron, Michigan. John Henry Leal grew up in his native state and after attending the public schools, took a course in Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, after which he became salesman for the Allen-Cheldon Company, and finally located at Fenton, Michigan, where he conducted a general store for two years, at the end of which time, in 1880, he moved to Linden, where he continued in the mercantile business until 1908. His death occurred about 1912. His wife preceded him to the grave in 1887; thus he survived her a quarter of a century. To these parents the following children were born: Cora, who married E. J. Curtis, of Chicago; Charles Henry, the subject of this sketch; Mabel, wife of Walter P. Hammond of Battle Creek, Michigan; Maud, deceased, and Roy S., who married Emma Miller and lives in Battle Creek. The father of these children was a Democrat, and he was active in the affairs of the communities in which he lived.

Charles H. Leal completed his schooling in the Linden high school, which he left shortly before he was due to graduate. In 1896 he returned

to Fenton and was there connected with the firm of Scott & Company for a period of fifteen years, giving his employers eminent satisfaction in every respect. He has been in business for himself during the past five years, owning the clothing department in the large department store of the Rolland & Scott Company. In this line he has been very successful and has built up an extensive trade. He carries a large and well-selected stock of clothing at all seasons.

On January 9, 1892, Charles H. Leal was married to Catherine M. Cady, which union has been without issue. Mrs. Leal is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Leal is a member of the Masonic order and is a Knight Templar. He also is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

GEORGE EDWARD PERRY.

One of the younger class of enterprising and substantial farmers of Grand Blanc township, Genesee county, Michigan, is George Edward Perry, who was born on October 1, 1872, on his father's farm two miles east of Grand Blanc. He is a son of William Ray and Clare (Pötter) Perry.

William Ray Perry was born on December 10, 1842, on the farm where he now lives, about two miles east of Grand Blanc, the son of George Edward and Silence (Cottrell) Perry. George Edward Perry was a native of Rhode Island, where he grew to manhood, and there married Silence Cottrell, also a native of that state. In 1832 they came to Michigan, where he bought out a squatter who was on the land where W. R. Perry now lives. He purchased about one hundred and sixty acres of land, only about two acres of which was improved. There was only an Indian trail that wound through the woods and swamps to his land. The Perry road was not laid out until about four years later. There George Edward Perry lived the remainder of his life. When he first came to the county, Pontiac was their nearest trading point. He and his wife were earnest members of the Baptist church. They were the parents of twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity, Mary, Ann, Lucinda, Susan, George, Robert, Mandy Caroline, Oliver, Iretus, Martha and William Ray.

William Ray Perry has always lived on the farm where he now is, having followed farming all his life. He has one hundred and fifty acres of well-improved land, on which he has built a fine, large house, with all kinds of good farm outbuildings. He also has an old house on his farm

which was built seventy-five years ago. His present home was built in 1894.

In 1871 William R. Perry was married to Clarissa Potter, who was born in Davison township, this county, the daughter of Wilson and Abigail Potter, who were early settlers in Davison township. Potter's Lake is named for this family, a family which stood high in the esteem of that community. The Potter family moved from Vermont to Rochester, New York, and from the latter place, in 1834, to Knapp's Mills, twenty-two miles from Port Huron, on Black river. In 1836 they moved to Flint, and that same year purchased the east half of section 1, Davison township, this county. In 1837 they and others opened a road from the Irish road to Potter's Lake in three days' time, a distance of three miles. They located on their land in 1837 and were the first settlers in the north part of Davison township. William R. Perry and wife were the parents of only one child, George Edward, the immediate subject of this review. Mrs. William R. Perry died in 1885, and Mr. Perry still remains on the old farm, still taking an active part in the farming.

George Edward Perry has lived all his life near where his birth occurred. He received his early education in the public schools of his home township, afterwards attending Bliss Business College at Flint. Since reaching manhood he has always engaged in farming. In February, 1897, he purchased eighty acres of land a short distance east of his father's farm. In January, 1904, he bought the sixty acres which separated his farm from his father's, and now has one hundred and forty acres all in one tract adjoining the old homestead. There he carries on a general system of farming and stock raising, with a very commendable degree of success.

On October 10, 1894, George E. Perry was married to Victoria Simmons, who was born near Brockport, New York, a daughter of Henry and Grace (Moore) Simmons. The Simmons family came to this county in 1884, and located in Burton township, three miles east of Flint, on the Davison road, where they purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, and there the family lived until the death of the father in 1908, after which they sold the farm, and the mother now lives in Grand Blanc. Mrs. Perry's father had two children by a former marriage, and to his union with Grace Moore were born three children, of whom one died in infancy, the other being Schuyler, who lives in Elk City, Idaho, and Mrs. Perry.

To Mr. and Mrs. George E. Perry five children have been born, Ward R., Clara L., Martha C., Wilson Henry, and George Edward, Jr. Of these children Wilson H. died on December 1, 1908, at the age of fifteen months.

STANFORD SOLON GIBSON.

One of the native-born sons of Genesee county, who is a successful farmer of Grand Blanc township is Stanford Solon Gibson, who was born on September 28, 1852, at what is now called Gibsonville, one mile north of Grand Blanc. He is a son of Charles DeWitt and Artemesia (Frost) Gibson, both of whom were natives of New York state.

Charles DeWitt Gibson was born at Palestine, Montgomery county, New York, in 1800, a son of John and Catherine (Wasson) Gibson, both of whom were natives of Montgomery county, New York. Charles D. Gibson grew up on a farm, but learned the trade of a cabinet maker, and at the age of twenty-one, went to Avon, Livingston county, New York, and there, on August 11, 1831, he married Artemesia Frost, who was a daughter of Elisha and Artemesia Frost, old residents of Lima, Livingston county. In 1832 Charles D. Gibson left his home to look for a location in Michigan. He purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on which there were a few improvements, and later added two hundred and forty acres more to his holdings, of government land in Grand Blanc township, this county, on the Saginaw trail, one mile north of the present village of Grand Blanc. Returning to New York, he purchased a stock of goods, which he shipped to the territory, as it was then, and, with his wife and one child, widowed mother and a sister, came to his new home in the wilderness. Here he started a wayside hotel on the Saginaw trail, which was then the main highway of travel in this part of Michigan. He opened a store and sold goods to the early settlers, also trading with the Indians who were then numerous in this section. Besides selling goods, and clearing and improving his lands, in a few years, he became extensively engaged in other enterprises in the development of the community, such as building and operating a saw-mill, an ashery and other activities much needed at that early date. He was also for many years engaged in buying and selling land in various parts of Michigan, both for himself and for others, and was uniformly successful in his business undertakings. During his business life he lost many thousand of dollars by fire and otherwise, but at his death left a handsome fortune for his widow and children. Besides being supervisor and magistrate, he was the first county treasurer of Genesee county, from 1836 to 1838. His death occurred on May 3, 1876. He was a far-sighted man, a good judge of men and their motives, strictly honorable, unassuming in manner, kind and indulgent in his home. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious views were liberal, of the

Unitarian and Universalist type. His widow died in 1889. She was a remarkably fine-looking and intelligent woman, who nobly performed her share of life's duties. They were the parents of eleven children: Jane W., who died in infancy; Thornton, who lived to the age of seventy-eight years and spent most of his life at Gibsonville; Charles F., who was a resident of Detroit until his death; Chauncey W., who lives in Oakland, California; Corydon DeWitt and Carrie A., twins, both deceased; John E., a resident of the soldiers home at Grand Rapids; Mary A., deceased; Sarah J. Glover, of Oakland, California; Frances A., wife of Doctor Case, of Flint, and Stanford S., the subject of this review.

Stanford S. Gibson grew up at Gibsonville, and after leaving the common schools, took a commercial course in Saginaw and in Bay City, then returned to the old home at Gibsonville. He has been a life-long farmer, and is now the owner of two hundred and ninety-one acres at Gibsonville, where he has lived for the most part of his life, although he has spent some years in Flint.

Mr. Gibson married Amelia Rosco, who was born in Grand Blanc, the daughter of H. Rosco and wife, who came from Ohio and engaged in farming just west of Gibsonville, and there Mrs. Gibson's parents spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are the parents of two children, Blanche A. and Harry R. Harry Gibson married Blanche Anderson, and now lives in Oakland, California. Blanche Gibson married Edward A. Schmier, who is referred to elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Gibson is a quiet and unassuming man, and possesses the good will and esteem of all who know him. He is a member of the Loyal Guards.

MATTHIAS BUZZARD.

It is a good sign when a county like Genesee can boast of so many of her enterprising business and professional men and farmers who are native sons, for it indicates that there are to be found all the opportunities necessary to insure success in the material affairs of life, and that her native sons, unlike so many from various sections, have found it to their advantage to remain at home. One of this number is Matthias Buzzard of Fenton.

Matthias Buzzard was born in this county, November 23, 1876, and is a son of George M. and Mary (Cummings) Buzzard. Matthias Cummings, grandfather of Matthias Buzzard, for whom the latter was named, was born in Livingston county, Michigan. He married Sarah Middlesworth,

and they spent the rest of their lives on a farm in that county, being well known to the early settlers there. George M. Buzzard was born in Oakland county, this state, and lived in Clarkston, Michigan, in his earlier life. He was a farmer by occupation. He was three times married, the mother of the subject of this sketch being his first wife. To their union three children were born, namely: Olive, deceased; Matthias, the subject of this review, and Hazel, who is living at home. The father of these children owns a farm of fifty-five acres. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Matthias Buzzard grew up on the home farm and received his early schooling in the public schools of Fenton. He then took a course in the Michigan Agricultural College, after which he returned to Fenton, where he has since made his home. He has been employed in the local postoffice since April 2, 1900, his long retention in this capacity being proof of his satisfactory services.

In 1902 Matthias Buzzard was married to Bertha Davenport, who was born at Linden, this county, a daughter of Stephen Davenport, a pioneer citizen of Linden, and to this union two children have been born, Robert and Walter. Politically, Mr. Buzzard is a Republican. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, has long been deeply interested in Sunday school work and has for some time been secretary of the Sunday school of his church.

CHARLES BAKER, JR.

One of the well-known and influential farmers of Grand Blanc township is Charles Baker, Jr., a native of England, who was born in that country on April 17, 1847, the son of Charles and Eliza (Dymond) Baker, also natives of England.

Charles Baker, Sr., and family came to America when Charles, Jr., was a lad of nine years, taking passage on a sailing vessel from Plymouth, England, and were several weeks in making the voyage. They landed first in Canada, presently coming on to Michigan, settling in Burton township, Genesee county, where the father and mother spent the remainder of their lives.

When Charles Baker, Jr., was only ten years old he hired out to work as a farm boy, and for nearly five years remained in the employ of James

Ellis in Mundy township, the interests of that family becoming to him almost as his own. He then spent two years with Benjamin Bloomer, of Flint township. While working out, he yet found time and opportunity to attend the district schools of his district, and did so, and for a short time was a student in the Flint high school.

In July, 1863, Charles Baker, Jr., enlisted for service in the Union army by becoming a member of Company G, Ninth Regiment, Michigan Cavalry, and was detailed to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in many hard-fought battles of that memorable struggle, among which were the siege of Knoxville, the battles of Blue Springs, Cumberland Gap, Cynthia, Marietta, Georgia, and also in several battles under General Kilpatrick around Atlanta during the siege of that city. When General Sherman was preparing for the memorable march to the sea Mr. Baker was captured at Stone Mountain, and for a period of six months was confined in four different southern prisons, four months of the six being spent in the notorious Andersonville prison. On June 25, 1865, Charles Baker received an honorable discharge, and returned to Michigan. He then entered the Flint high school and fitted himself to be a teacher, devoting different periods of his life thereafter to that work. In the spring of 1879 he settled on his present farm in section 11, Grand Blanc township, about one mile east of the village of the same name, and there he has lived since. He has gradually added to his original land holdings, and is now the owner of one hundred and seventy-eight acres of well-improved land, on which he has a beautiful home. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle.

On May 2, 1875, Charles Baker, Jr., was married to Grace F. Blandford, the daughter of Henry Blandford, a native of England, and to that union were born the following children: Herbert H., who is assisting his father on the home farm; C. Blandford, who died at the age of eighteen; Grace M., who married Dr. Hugh Gundy, a dentist of Flint, and has three daughters, Mary Grace, Catherine Blue and Jane; Ruth, who married Ralph C. Kimball, of Pontiac, and has two sons, George and Albert; Alice, who married Nelson McDuff, of Grants Pass, Oregon, and has two children, Elizabeth Ann and Jack; Susan E., wife of Prof. Charles Cook, teacher of geology in the University of Michigan; Henrietta, who married Clare Scott, a farmer in the southern part of Grand Blanc township, and has one daughter, Alice Marian, and Faith Marian, who married Dewey Dafoe, of Detroit, and has one daughter, Grance Blandford. The mother of these children died in 1911.

On April 28, 1915, Charles Baker, Jr., married to Mrs. Inez (Elwood) Husted, who was born at Birch Run, Saginaw county, Michigan, daughter of George Nelson and Caroline (King) Elwood, both of whom were natives of New York state, but who spent the most of their lives in Clarkston, Michigan, until their marriage, when they moved to Birch Run. George N. Elwood engaged in farming there early in life, but later moved to Farronville and kept a store at the latter place seven or eight years, until their daughter, Inez, was about nine years of age, when they moved to Clio, and lived there about nine years, where the father was engaged in farming, house-moving and other pursuits. He spent his last years with a son at Davison, where his death occurred in 1908, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife died at Clio many years ago. Inez Elwood was married in 1880 to John Husted, of Clare, Michigan, and in the latter city Mr. and Mrs. Husted made their home for about seventeen years at the end of which time they removed to Flint, where Mr. Husted spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Husted were the parents of two children, Roy and Edith. Roy died in 1909 and Edith makes her home with her mother.

Mr. Baker is a Republican in politics, but not by any means a blind partisan. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he takes a warm and active interest. He has served several times as justice of the peace, an aggregate of twelve years, and has recently been re-elected for another term. He first became supervisor in 1870, and held that position until 1895. The success that has attended his efforts in a financial way is well deserved, and is the result of natural judgment and ability.

EBERN E. ENSIGN.

Ebern E. Ensign, a well-known and successful farmer of Genesee county, was born in Flushing township on October 6, 1861, being the son of Ephraim E. and Sarah (Bailey) Ensign. Ephraim and Sarah Ensign were natives of the state of New York and Genesee county, respectively, their families being among the oldest in this county. In 1861, Ephraim Ensign enlisted in a Michigan regiment and later died from exposure and starvation in a Southern prison. On March 4, 1904, Sarah Ensign died, leaving one child, Ebern E. By a second marriage, to James W. Pollock, she was the mother of eight children.



MR. AND MRS. EBERN E. ENSIGN.

Ebern E. Ensign received his education in the schools of Flushing township. He lived with his grandparents until he was seven years of age, at which time he was obliged to seek a home elsewhere and make his own living. When nineteen years of age, he went west and lived in Iowa for some eight months. After his marriage to Jennie Duff (see sketch of William Duff), who was born on February 9, 1863, in Flushing, Mr. Ensign returned to Saginaw. Here he was employed in a factory for nine years and then came to Flushing township, where he purchased eighty acres of land in section 13. To his original farm he has since added eighty-seven acres. Mr. Ensign has his farm under a high state of cultivation and well improved. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, being interested in Durham cattle, as well as well-bred hogs.

To Ebern and Jennie Ensign have been born four children: William E., born in Saginaw on September 30, 1889; Paul R., born on homestead on April 30, 1895, and two girls, Beatrice and Mildred, both of whom died.

Politically, Mr. Ensign is a Republican, takes an interest in all local politics and has served on the school board for a number of years. Fraternally, he is a Free and Accepted Mason, belonging to both the blue lodge and the chapter at Flushing. The sons, William and Paul R., are also members of the blue lodge. Mrs. Ensign and family are active members of the Presbyterian church and take much interest in all church work.

GRANT W. WHITMAN.

One of the chief concerns of every man in the productive period of his life is to accumulate sufficient means to enable him properly to care for himself and family in old age. This is right and necessary, but too many make it the sole aim in life. Not so with Grant W. Whitman, grocer of the village of Fenton, who has tried to do his full duty as a citizen of Genesee county, while laboring for the accumulation of material things. He was born in this county, February 27, 1872, a son of Oliver Valentine and Anstice (Woodhull) Whitman, the former of whom was born in Rutland, Vermont, February 14, 1849, and the latter of whom was a daughter of George S. Woodhull, a native of New Jersey, and a farmer, who came to Michigan in 1842, locating near Long Lake, in Fenton township, Genesee county. Woodhull Landing was named for him. He owned one hundred

and sixty acres there and was among the early pioneers. He married Anna Hindman. He served as a private in the War of 1812. He and his wife were the parents of four children, Margaret, Emeline, Marcus and Anstice. George S. Woodhull was a son of Jeremiah Woodhull, who spent his entire life in New Jersey. Oliver V. Whitman grew up in Vermont and there engaged in farming until sometime in the sixties, when he came to Michigan and located in Genesee county, locating on the old Woodhull homestead which his wife inherited, and there he spent the rest of his life, dying on August 19, 1911. His widow survives, making her home in the village of Fenton. She has three children, namely: Grant W., the subject of this sketch; Charles, who married Jennie Cramer and lives in Fenton township, and Roy, who married Emily Davis and lives on the old Woodhull farm.

Grant W. Whitman completed his schooling in the high school. He was engaged in the furniture business for ten years at Fenton, also traveled for the Watkins Medical Company for some time, finally, in 1911, establishing a grocery business in Fenton, which he has conducted with ever-growing success to the present time. He carries a large stock of staple and fancy groceries at all seasons.

On April 22, 1896, Grant W. Whitman was married to Maude Lobdell, who was born in this county, a daughter of Horace Lobdell, now a resident of Detroit, and to this union two children have been born, Earl and Donald Whitman. Mr. Whitman is a member of the Masonic order, and he and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee.

JOHN J. MURPHY.

A young man who has stamped the impress of his strong personality upon the minds of the people of Genesee county in such a manner as to render him one of the highly-respected citizens of the locality is John J. Murphy, who is engaged in the drug business in Linden, where he is securing a good foothold, for a newcomer.

John J. Murphy was born at Sutton, Ontario, Canada, May 30, 1885, a son of P. J. and Sarah (Tobin) Murphy, and a grandson of Lawrence Tobin, a native of the state of New York, a farmer, who in 1887 moved to Bay City, Michigan. P. J. Murphy, Sr., grandfather of John J. Murphy, was a native of Ireland; who came to America when eighteen years old. He engaged in farming in New York and removed to Bay county, Michigan, in

1885, where he bought land. The father of John J. Murphy grew to manhood on the farm in the state of New York and received a high school education. His death occurred in 1912 and his widow is living in Detroit. He and his wife were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Lawrence, Thomas, Richard (who died in 1913), John J., Harriet and Ruth.

John J. Murphy completed his schooling in the high school at Bay City. On November 12, 1910, he married Mary A. Munley, who was born in Bay City, September 28, 1884, a daughter of John Munley, of Bay City, and to that union three children have been born, Marie Alice, John P. and Lawrence Francis. Mr. Murphy worked for Doctor Baker in Flint, three years, then was employed two years in Detroit by the James D. Hogg Drug Company. Then, in 1912 he moved to Linden and established a drug store, and is doing a very satisfactory business. He carries a large stock of drugs and drug sundries. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

G. RUSSELL PARKER.

One of the sturdy, reliable native-born farmers of Grand Blanc township, is G. Russell Parker, who was born on November 6, 1839, on a farm in the south edge of that township, the son of Jonathan D. and Abigail (Case) Parker.

Jonathan D. Parker was born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, but later went to New York state with his parents, who located near Mount Morris, in Livingston county, New York. In 1837 he came to Michigan and was followed later by his parents, Russell and Rachel (Damon) Parker. Rachel Damon was a relative of Colonel Damon, of Revolutionary fame. Russell Parker was an old man when he came to live with his son in Michigan, and his death occurred in 1844. Jonathan D. Parker took up four hundred acres of land along the south line of Grand Blanc township, and on that farm he spent the remainder of his life. He was a successful farmer and took an active part in the development of the new county. He was a Whig in politics, becoming an adherent of the Republican party after its organization. His death occurred in 1888. Abigail Case, the mother of Mr. Parker, was born in Connecticut, but was married in Mount Morris, New York. Jonathan D. Parker and wife were the parents of seven children:

Ira D., who died in 1866; Sarah, the widow of Henry Cook, of Grand Blanc township; G. Russell, the immediate subject of this review; Mary, who died in infancy; Willie, an attorney of Olatha, Kansas; Abigail, wife of Edward S. Parsons, of Grand Blanc, and Henry, who died in Grand Blanc in January, 1916. Mrs. Jonathan D. Parker died in 1882. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

G. Russell Parker lived at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-one, attending the public schools of his township and the Flint high school under William Travis and E. M. Mason. He assisted his father on the farm and taught four terms of school. After his marriage, Mr. Parker engaged in farming on his own account on his father's farm, and as that was during Civil War times, he received good prices for his products, selling wool at that time for one dollar a pound. He purchased eighty acres of his own adjoining his father's place, on which he lived for some years, and there his first wife died.

Mr. Parker has been three times married, his first marriage occurring when he was twenty-three years of age, his wife being Helen E. King, daughter of Deacon Lucius and Harriett (Brown) King. Lucius King was the son of James King, who was a pioneer settler in this county, following the occupation of tanner and shoemaker in the early days. He was active in the early development of the community, and a deacon in the Congregational church. To Mr. Parker's first marriage one son was born, Walter Russell, who lives in the village of Grand Blanc, married Cora Fletcher and is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land west of the village. Mrs. Helen Parker died in 1866 and in 1868 Mr. Parker married Almira Parsons, the daughter of Deacon Edward and Sarah Parsons. She was an old schoolmate of Mr. Parker's. Her grandfather was Rev. Levi Parsons, of Marcellus, Onondaga county, New York, who had a son, Levi, who was also a minister. Rev. Levi Parsons, Jr., preached forty years at Mount Morris, this county. Almira Parsons was a teacher of the freedmen under the auspices of the American Missionary Association and was sent to Atlanta at the time of her marriage by that society. Mr. Parker started south with her on his own expense, but the Missionary Association arranged with him to take a place with an orphan asylum at Atlanta, under their auspices, so he and his wife went on together, and was engaged as an all-around business man for the association for a short time. Returning to Michigan the following June, he settled on his farm. In 1870 he moved into the village of Grand Blanc, where he engaged in the general merchandise business one year, huckstering between that village and Bay City, buying produce and

selling goods. He followed that business one year, after which he purchased a grain elevator at Grand Blanc, where he did a very good business over a wide territory. Four years later he sold his interests in the elevator, and bought a half interest in the elevator at Fenton, but sold out a year later, trading for a farm two miles west of Grand Blanc, where he lived until the death of his wife's father, when he bought out the interest of the other heirs of the Parsons estate, two miles south of Grand Blanc, and on that place he lived for some years, then moved to Grand Blanc, where he built a brick residence, and again engaged in the elevator business, in the same old elevator as before; selling out again, however, in about eighteen months. On March 9, 1905, Mrs. Almira Parker died. To Mr. Parker's second marriage four children were born: Dorr, who died at the age of two years; James, a physician in Grand Blanc, who married Florence Durand and has five children, Vera, Russell, Marian, Ruth and Frances; Clare Henry, of Saginaw, principal stockholder and manager of a ten-thousand-dollar dairy company, which does an immense amount of business under the name of the Parker Dairy Company, who married Winnie McClellan and has four children, Henrietta, Helen, Ralph and Walter Clare, and Sarah, who married Fred Lowry, superintendent of works and construction of the Dow Chemical Company at Midland and has four children, Ronald, Wayne, Robert and Ruth.

On January 26, 1907, G. Russell Parker was married to Mrs. Lucy (Moody) Holton, who was born in Ontario, Canada, daughter of Hill and Catherine (Whiteman) Moody, the former a native of Belfast, Ireland, and the latter of Canandaigua, New York. Hill Moody and family came to Michigan from Howard, Kent county, Ontario, in 1857, and settled at Dearborn, Wayne county, but in later life Mr. Moody and his wife came to Genesee county and here they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Moody was a farmer in Canada, and also followed the same occupation in Michigan. In 1859, while living in Dearborn, Lucy Moody married Thomas Holton, who was born in Oxford, England, a son of William and Nancy (Eams) Holton. William Holton was born in Oxford, England, and was a graduate of Oxford University. Nancy Eams was a native of London, a neighbor of John Wesley, and was a Quakeress. Thomas Holton was a small lad when his parents came to America, settling in New York state. His father was a man of considerable means, but lost much of his wealth through ill-judged business moves. He finally engaged in the florist business at Rochester, New York, where he lived for many years. He moved into Canada, but later returned to Alleghany county, New York, where his

death occurred. Thomas Holton lived with his parents until they moved to the latter place, when he went to the village of Belvidere. He became a bridge carpenter, and was building bridges when he came to Michigan, and was married in Wayne county. He was a member of the Baptist church, taking an active interest in the affairs of the church. He served his country during the Civil War with the Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, but was discharged after one year's service because of disability incurred while in the service, due to exposure while on guard at Nashville. He was a large man, weighing two hundred pounds. After the close of the war he and his wife moved to Alleghany county, New York, where they lived until 1873, when they returned to Michigan and settled in Grand Blanc township, this county, where her parents had recently located. There Mr. Holton followed his trade until his health failed, and for twenty-six years he was an invalid, during which time his wife cared for him, working at the trade of dress-maker for thirty-five years. Mr. Holton died on February 15, 1906. One daughter was born to that union, Lizzie M., now deceased, who became the wife of Mr. Parker's youngest brother, Henry, and had two children, Willis, who died at the age of three years and nine months, and Ward Parker. Henry Parker and wife also had an adopted son, Milton D., who died at the age of two years.

Mr. Parker is a member of the Congregational church, while his wife is a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Parker has long been active in the county committee of the Prohibition party, but is now an independent voter.

D. EUGENE HINKLEY.

A merchant of long standing and a citizen of Genesee county, against whom no one has ever heard adverse criticism, is D. Eugene Hinkley, who conducts a jewelry business in Fenton, where he has spent the major portion of his life.

D. Eugene Hinkley was born in this county, September 28, 1854, a son of Aaron and Mariah (Baker) Hinkley, and a grandson of Royal Baker, a native of Rochester, New York, who came to Michigan in 1830, locating among the pioneers in Oakland county, where he developed a farm through hard work and persistent effort. Elijah Hinkley, the paternal grandfather, spent most of his life in the state of New York, engaged in farming, but late in life he came to Michigan and spent the rest of his days in Oakland

county. Aaron Hinkley grew up on the home farm and received his education in the public schools of Oakland county. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church. His death occurred on June 11, 1893, and his widow survived until November 1, 1900. To these parents two children were born, Myra and D. Eugene.

D. Eugene Hinkley completed his schooling in the high school at Fenton. He has been engaged in the jewelry business since 1877, having served his apprenticeship under D. Parmely in Rochester, New York. He has an excellent equipment for repairing jewelry, clocks and watches, and is a skilled workman. He carries a very creditable stock of goods at all seasons and his place of business is well known to the people of this county. He is a member of the Baptist church and the Royal Arcanum lodge.

On October 22, 1879, D. Eugene Hinkley was married to Jennie L. Galusha, who was born in Shiawassee county, Michigan, and to this union four children have been born: Roy G., Myra L., Nellie G., and Maurice E. Roy G. Hinkley lives in Warsaw, Indiana. He married Catherine Curtis, and they have three children, Curtis, Margaret and Willah.

FRANK F. GLERUM.

Although a young man, having reached the age when most of us are just starting out on our serious careers, Frank F. Glerum, a successful and influential banker of Linden, has proven that "young blood will tell" if given a proper chance and is properly directed and controlled, as it evidently has in his case; and, judging from his splendid record of the past, the future must necessarily hold much in store for him.

Frank F. Glerum was born in Osceola, Michigan, November 1, 1885, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Vanderburg) Glerum. The father was born in Kalamazoo county, Michigan, and is still living, making his home at Leroy, this state. He has been engaged in the hardware business for the past forty years. The mother, who also survives, is a native of Holland, from which country she came to America when young. To these parents six children have been born, George, Edward, Katherine, Benjamin, Frank and Orville, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only one living in Genesee county. The father is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Frank F. Glerum attended the high school at Leroy and the Big Rapids

Institute. In 1908 he was sent to Linden to take charge, as cashier, of the Bank of Linden, for which his natural ability and education well fitted him, as he had had banking experience as receiving teller of the Peoples State Savings Bank of Detroit, and he soon mastered the various ins and outs of the banking business. He, with J. L. Spencer and his brother, George, and Ire and Franklin Sayre, had bought the private bank of Moore & Moore, which they conducted three years with gratifying results. Frank F. Glerum then purchased the interest of his brother and Mr. Spencer purchased the interest of the Sayres, forming a partnership with J. L. Spencer, and they are now the sole owners of the Bank of Linden, one of the prosperous, sound and popular banks of this section of the state. It is well patronized, does a general banking business along conservative lines, and is well housed, having modern equipments in the way of safe and fixtures.

On November 24, 1915, Mr. Glerum was married to Josephine Hyatt. He is a Republican and a member of the Masonic order.

CHARLES F. MATHEWS.

Charles F. Mathews, grocer of Fenton, is a man who has always guarded well his conduct in all the relations of life, and while advancing his individual interests has not neglected his general duties as a neighbor and citizen, and has been a friend to man.

Mr. Mathews was born in Oakland county, Michigan, December 26, 1873, a son of L. C. and Mary (Garner) Mathews. Robert Garner, his maternal grandfather, came to Michigan in a very early day and settled in Oakland county, where he spent the rest of his life. He was an active member of the Congregational church. Grandfather Mathews was a native of New York. He devoted his active life to general farming, but he never came to this part of the country. L. C. Mathews came to Michigan with his brother, when a boy. He devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, owning a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Oakland county. He was a member of the Grange and was an honest and highly-respected citizen. His death occurred on January 10, 1915, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1901. To these parents five children were born, A. O., Lillian, Robert, Mary and Charles F.

The subject of this sketch spent his boyhood days on the home farm and received his education in the public schools of Oakland county and in

the Normal School at Fenton, later taking a course in the business college at Saginaw, Michigan. He began his business life as a groceryman in 1901, continuing in the same alone for five years, then took in as a partner Matthew Cimmer, and they have continued in the business successfully ever since, enjoying an extensive trade with the people of Fenton and Genesee county, and carrying at all seasons a large stock of Staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Mathews owns a good house and lot in Fenton, also a cottage at the lake.

Mr. Mathew is a member of the Presbyterian church. He was married on December 15, 1897, to Edith McPherson, a daughter of William McPherson and wife, an old and respected family of Genesee county, and to this union four children have been born, Glen, Rolly, Leslie, and Lyman C.

EDWARD A. SCHMIER.

One of the enterprising younger farmers of Grand Blanc township is Edward A. Schmier, who was born March 14, 1884, in Mount Morris township, the son of Adam A. and Catherine (Webber) Schmier, both of whom were natives of Germany.

At the age of ten years, Adam A. Schmier came with his parents, Albert Schmier and wife, to the United States. The family located first in Livingston county, Michigan, where the father followed farming for some years, then moved to Mt. Morris township, this county, where Mrs. Albert Schmier died, while her husband spent his last days with his son, Adam, in Grand Blanc township. Adam Schmier grew to manhood in Livingston county, attending the schools there, and assisting his father clear his eighty acres of land. About 1873 he came to this county and bought one hundred and sixty acres of timber land in Mt. Morris township, and there spent three winters clearing his land, working with his father in Livingston county during the summers. The family finally moved to Mt. Morris township, and there Adam Schmier was married to Catherine Webber, who was born in Germany, coming to America at the age of sixteen with a neighbor girl, finding employment in Detroit for a time as a domestic. In her childhood she and Adam Schmier had been acquaintances in the old country. Adam Schmier remained in Mt. Morris township until the spring of 1895, when he bought a farm at Gibsonville, of one hundred and sixty acres. He lived there until 1908, when he removed to Flint and began dealing in real estate at a time when everything was booming in that city, and it was just begin-

ning its phenomenal growth. He still owns property in Flint, but two years ago, removed to a farm two and one-half miles southwest of Flint, where he is now living. He and his wife are the parents of six children: Louise, the wife of Charles W. Hackney, of Mount Morris township; Flora, the wife of Frank Dibble, of Atlas township; Emma, the wife of Fred Adams, a resident of Mt. Morris township; August, a farmer living in the north part of Grand Blanc township; Edwin, the immediate subject of this review; and Walter, a resident of Davison township.

Edwin A. Schmier received his education in the public schools of his home county and lived at home with his parents until they moved to Flint. At the age of twenty-one he began farming for himself south of Grand Blanc, and ever since has been located on the farm at Gibsonville. He is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land there, and was one of the first farmers in Grand Blanc township to use a tractor for plowing. He has a very fine implement of this kind which plows four furrows at a time, doing the work of twelve horses and four men.

On June 20, 1911, Edward S. Schmier was married to Blanche A. Gibson, a daughter of Stanford S. Gibson and wife, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work.

HORACE P. MARTIN.

Horace P. Martin, one of Flint's best-known lawyers and real-estate dealers, is a native of New York, having been born near the city of Albany, capital of that state, February 10, 1874, son and only child of James B. and Lavina (Peaslee) Martin, both natives of Albany. James B. Martin was engaged in the manufacture of knit goods. He was killed by a runaway horse in 1878, he then being thirty-five years of age. He was the son of John R. and Lavina (Burton) Martin, both natives of New York state, the former born in Washington county and the latter in Rensselaer county. At one time John R. Martin was a merchant at Bath, New York. He died not long after reaching middle life and his widow survived to be eighty years of age. They were the parents of two children, James B. and Elizabeth B., the latter of whom, unmarried, is still living. During the Civil War James B. Martin was connected with the provost marshal's office, being stationed a part of the time at Albany and the remainder of the time in Virginia, serving throughout the war in that capacity. He was a Presbyterian and his wife an Episcopalian. The latter was a daughter of Horace W. and Ann (Car-

pen) Peaslee, both natives of New York state. Ann Carpenter's mother was a Payn, of Revolutionary stock and Dutch descent. There is still in possession of the family the pewter plates brought from Holland by the Payns in the seventeenth century. Horace W. Peaslee was a man of grand character, a native of Kinderhook, New York, and a boyhood and life-long friend of Martin Van Buren. He was trained as a millwright, but later became and for forty years was a paper manufacturer, one of the first strawboard manufacturers in the United States and the patentee of the strawwashing machine that revolutionized the strawboard industry in this country. He and his wife lived in the same house at Malden, New York, for more than forty years. He died at the age of seventy-seven and she survived him, dying at the age of eighty-five. They were the parents of ten children, Elizabeth, Hall, Cornelia, George H., Mary, Andrew, Frances, Elsie, Lavina and John. John R. Martin's widow survived him many years, her death occurring in 1909, she being then upwards of sixty years of age.

Horace P. Martin was about four years old when his father met his tragic death. He was reared at Albany, attending the schools of that city, his summers being spent with his grandfather Peaslee, until he was thirteen years of age, when he came to Michigan, locating at Flint, where he continued his schooling until 1890, in which year he entered a drug store and was for two years engaged as a clerk. He then was otherwise engaged until January 1, 1894, on which date he began studying law in the offices of Newton & Golden, at Flint, and was admitted to the bar in 1897, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Flint. In addition to his general practice, Mr. Martin also is engaged in the general real-estate and insurance business. He was circuit court commissioner for four years and also served for four years as prosecuting attorney for this judicial district.

On September 12, 1905, Horace P. Martin was united in marriage to Edith V. Gilbert, who was born on a farm at the edge of the city of Flint, daughter of Charles F. and Adelle (Farrand) Gilbert, both natives of this state, the latter of whom died in 1912, at the age of forty-four years, and the former of whom is still living, now making his home in Flint. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. Martin having two sisters, Pearl and Claudia. Charles F. Gilbert's father, Henry C. Gilbert, and his wife, the latter of whom was a Stearns, both natives of western New York, were early settlers of Genesee county, and Henry C. Gilbert is still living on his homestead farm in this county, at the great age of ninety-four years. Mrs.

Charles F. Gilbert's father, Andrew Jackson Farrand, and wife, the latter of whom was a Hoard, also came to this state from New York state and were early settlers in Oakland county.

To Horace P. and Edith V. (Gilbert) Martin two children have been born, daughters both, Elizabeth and Frances. Mrs. Martin is a member of the Episcopal church and Mr. Martin is a Presbyterian. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Bay City, his local connection with the order being through membership in Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, at Flint. He also is a member of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the affairs of both of these orders takes a warm interest. Mr. Martin is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs. He and his family have a pleasant home at 808 East street.

WILLIAM LAUDERBAUGH.

William Lauderbaugh, a well-known farmer of Atlas township, this county, owner of a well-kept farm in rural route No. 2, out of Goodrich, is a native of New York state, but has lived in this county ever since the days of his infancy and has therefore been a witness to the wonderful development that has marked this region during the past half century or more, and has done his part in promoting that development so far as it relates to the neighborhood in which he has lived so many years. He was born in Erie county, New York, January 1, 1855, son of John and Elizabeth (Ebeler) Lauderbaugh, the former a native of Germany and the latter of New York, who later became pioneers in Atlas township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

John Lauderbaugh was about thirty years of age when he came to this country from Germany about 1851, and located in Erie county, New York, where he followed his trade as a stone mason and where he married Elizabeth Ebeler, who was born in that state of German parentage. In 1856 he and his family came to Michigan and located on the northeast quarter of section 25 in Atlas township, this county, and there John Lauderbaugh and his wife spent the remainder of their days. While paying for his farm he continued working at his trade as the opportunity offered, but upon becoming firmly established, discontinued his mason work and there-

after devoted his whole attention to farming. His death occurred on June 4, 1896, and his widow survived him for about three years, her death occurring in February, 1899. They were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were ten of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch, the first-born, and Eliza, wife of Frank Niles, the fourth in order of birth, are the only survivors, the others having been as follow: Mary, who became the wife of Charles Game; John, who died on March 3, 1916; Emma, the wife of Philip Muench; Frances, who had a twin brother, the latter of whom died in infancy; Charles, Henry and Frank.

William Lauderbaugh was but little more than a year old when his parents came to this county from New York and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Atlas township, presently beginning farming on his own account, and has ever since been actively engaged in farming. For two years he farmed on the shares south of Goodrich, and then was located for another period of two years on a farm at the south edge of that village. In the meantime, in 1881, he married, and as he prospered in his affairs bought, in 1887, a farm of forty acres in section 12 of Atlas township, where he established his home. He improved that place and in the spring of 1907 bought another tract of sixty acres nearby. In 1912 he sold the "sixty," but still retains his original "forty," which he has developed into a good farm and where he has a very comfortable home.

Mr. Lauderbaugh has been twice married. In 1881 he was married to Emily Henderson, who died on May 4, 1907. She was the mother of four children, namely: Rhoda, who became the wife of John Miteen, a farmer near the village of Grand Blanc, and has three children, Gladys, Ferris and Winston William; Mabel, the wife of Henry Britten, living east of Goodrich, has one daughter, Shirley; Flora, who lives at home, and Carrie, who died when eighteen months of age. On May 20, 1908, William Lauderbaugh married Mrs. Ida (Middleton) Allen, widow of William Allen, who died in 1906. She was born in Rose township, Oakland county, this state, daughter of William H. and Betsy Jane (Chase) Middleton, natives of the state of New York, and early settlers in this part of the state, both having come to this section of Michigan with their respective parents in the days of their youth, the latter's father, Edward Chase, having been a tavern keeper at or near Troy, in Oakland county, in the early days, and after a number of years there kept a tavern at Rose Corners, William H. Middleton and his wife spent their married life on a farm in

Oakland county, where the former died about 1891, his widow surviving until the spring of 1908.

In 1876 Ida Middleton married William Allen, who was born on a farm near Goodrich, in Atlas township, this county, in 1848, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Ellison) Allen, who came to this county from New York state and spent the rest of their lives here, Joseph Allen having been for years an active carpenter and builder in and about Goodrich. For eight years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Allen lived in Rose township, Oakland county, and then moved to Goodrich, where Mr. Allen spent the rest of his life. To him and his wife nine children were born, as follow: Bertha, who died when ten years old; Cora, who became the wife of Guy Hendricks, now living in California, and has one son, Russell Allen; Mary, the wife of Claude Noe, of Detroit, has three children, George, Esther and Harold; Hiram, of Oxford, who married Hattie Lortz, and has two daughters, Aileen and Stella; Mina, the wife of Harley Delt, died on April 3, 1911, leaving three children, Beatrice, Ariel and Bertha, the second named of whom has since died; Guydon, of Flint, who married Anna Belle Carey, and has one daughter, Earnadeen; Charles, of Detroit, who married Ethel McAllister, and has two sons, William and Charles; Julia, at home with her mother, and Lillian, also at home. Mr. Allen was a member of the Loyal Guard. Mrs. Lauderbaugh is a member of the Baptist church, and also a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

CLARENCE O. HETCHLER.

Clarence O. Hetchler, former county treasurer, now engaged in the general real-estate and insurance business at Flint, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born at Linden on April 17, 1872, son of Robert F. and Jane E. (Stevens) Hetchler, natives of New York state, both of whom are still living at Linden and who are the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Albert J. Hetchler, now of Detroit, and a sister, Adah, wife of William B. Howe, of Linden, this county.

Robert F. Hetchler is a son of Peter and Frances Hetchler, natives of New York, both of German descent, who came to this county at an early day in the settlement of this section of the state and bought a small farm in Fenton township, where they reared their family. Peter Hetchler died when not long past middle age and his widow lived to a ripe old age, her death

occurring at Linden. They were the parents of five children, Daniel, Frederick, Robert, Theodore and Elizabeth, the latter of whom married Theodore Stevens. Robert F. Hetchler was but a small boy when he came to this county with his parents back in pioneer days and he grew to manhood on the paternal farm. He became a brick-mason, which trade he followed for some years and then became a horse trainer, which vocation he still follows, making his home at Linden, where he has lived for many years. He and his wife are members of the Congregationalist church. Mrs. Hetchler also was reared in this county, she having been but a girl when her parents moved here from New York state. Her father died in middle life, but her mother, Julia (Thorpe) Stevens, lived to be ninety years old. She was the mother of ten children, of whom Mrs. Hetchler is the ninth in order of birth, the others being James, Frank, Ezra, George, Adolphus, Charles, Alvin, Theodore and Stephen.

Clarence O. Hetchler was reared at Linden and was graduated from the high school there, after which he took a course in the normal school at Fenton. He then for two years served as a clerk in the Linden postoffice and for four years as a clerk in a drug store, after which he and his brother, Albert J. Hetchler, engaged in the general merchandise business at Linden, under the firm name of Hetchler Brothers, and were thus associated for thirteen years, or until Clarence O. Hetchler's election to the office of county treasurer. Mr. Hetchler was re-elected to that office and upon the completion of his second term was appointed deputy state oil inspector for this district. After two years of that form of service he was engaged to act as general manager of the Genesee County Abstract Company and was thus employed until 1915, in which year he engaged in the general real-estate and insurance business on his own account at Flint and is now thus engaged. Mr. Hetchler has other interests outside his office and is the president of the Ford Sales Company at Flint. He is a Republican and for years has been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this county, being at present a member of the state Republican central committee. Mr. Hetchler is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, an Elk, a member of the Loyal Guards and of the Modern Woodmen and takes a warm interest in the affairs of all these organizations.

On February 13, 1899, Clarence O. Hetchler was united in marriage to Emily Middlesworth, daughter of Frederick and Carrie E. (Brown) Middlesworth. She died in 1906 and in August, 1908, he married Mrs. Nellie Sadler, widow of James Sadler and daughter of Aaron T. and Adelaide Scranton, to which union one son has been born, Robert S. Mrs. Hetchler

was born at Vernon, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, and is the fourth in order of birth of the five children born to her parents, the others being William, Vine K., Ernest and Ward. Mrs. Scranton died in 1908 and Mr. Scranton is still living, at the age of eighty-three, making his home in the Hetchler household. By her former marriage Mrs. Hetchler has a daughter, Helen A. Sadler, who is at home with her.

GEORGE H. COON.

There are people who are not satisfied away from the country, and these not only enjoy existence there, but also make a comfortable living, being satisfied without the large earnings denied so many city dwellers. One such is George H. Coon, farmer of Richfield township, Genesee county. He was born in Watertown, Jefferson county, New York, November 22, 1855, and is a son of Hiram C. and Elizabeth (Cartwright) Coon. The father was born in the Green mountains in Vermont, and was the son of Charles Coon, also a native of New England, of English descent. His family, like many others of that section, sympathized with the British during the Revolutionary War. Charles Coon and wife both died in Vermont. Elizabeth Cartwright was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, and was a daughter of George Cartwright, a descendant of a wealthy Southern family. After his marriage he went back South to claim part of the estate and never returned; his widow later went back to Jefferson county, New York, where she died. His daughter, Elizabeth Cartwright, there married Hiram C. Coon. Soon after the close of the war, Hiram C. Coon brought his family to Genesee county, Michigan, buying twenty-five acres of woodland in Richfield township, which he cleared and lived there until his son, George, bought the place, whereupon the father moved to a forty-acre farm in the same township, on which he spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of ten children, nine of whom grew to maturity and eight are still living, namely: Lavina is the wife of Len Worden, of Davison, Genesee county; George H., of this sketch; Emma died at the age of twenty years; Henry lives in Davison; Della is the wife of Dana Amundson, of Flint; Edwin lives in Forest township; Nettie is the wife of Dan Roberts; Jacob lives in Otisville, and Hiram, of Atlas township.

George H. Coon grew up on the farm and was educated in the common schools. He remained at home until his marriage, on September 18,



GEORGE H. COON AND FAMILY.



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE H. COON.

1901, to Alma Dunston, a daughter of Elwin and Mariva (Kingsley) Dunston. She was born in Oakland county, Michigan, and when a small girl her parents brought her to Forest township, Genesee county. Upon reaching maturity, Mr. Coon purchased the homestead, known as "The Riverside Farm," which he increased to its present acreage—one hundred and sixty-five—where he is carrying on general farming and stock raising, and is a breeder of a good grade of live stock, specializing in Durham cattle. He is a stockholder in the State Bank of Otisville.

Mr. Coon and wife have two children, Leona D., who is attending the local schools, and Hilton G., also in school.

Politically, Mr. Coon is a Democrat. He is a member of the Flint River Grange, in Richfield, also belonging to the Rogerville Arbor Gleaners. He is now overseer in the Grange, in which organization he has always taken an active part. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

ANTHONY J. DAUNER.

The soil is the limited factor in crop production. Persistent and thorough cultivation depletes the soil more and more in proportion to the size of the crop removed. Feeding some plant food back into it is necessary to sustain next year's production. The best cultivation is advisable for each year's immediate crop. Anthony J. Dauner, a farmer of Fenton township, Genesee county, seems to understand how to keep the soil of his place productive. He was born on the homestead place, August 8, 1861, and is a son of Philip P. and Marie E. (Hens) Dauner, and a grandson of Anthony Dauner, a native of Ulm, Germany, where he spent his life. The father was born in Germany, August 8, 1828, and came to America when a young man, locating in West Bloomfield, Michigan, but not long thereafter removed to Fenton, this county. When a young man he learned the brewery business, which occupation he followed, more or less, all his life. He purchased the farm now owned by his son, Anthony, not long after coming to this country. He was engaged in business at the corner of Roberts and River streets, Fenton, from 1859 to 1866, and it was through his efforts that the postoffice was located on the north side of the river. His death occurred in 1866. His family consisted of the following children: Kate (deceased), Mary, Barbara, Anthony, Julia and Clara. After his death his widow married Nicholas Thiel, to which union one child was born, Anna.

Anthony J. Dauner received his education in the public schools of Fenton. After his marriage he located on the farm owned by his father, and there he has since been engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He has lived on that farm since he was fourteen years of age, and has made many and various improvements. He has his land well drained, having in all, seven miles of ditching on the farm. He erected a new and commodious barn a few years ago, and is well equipped for modern and up-to-date farming. He has a fine herd of Durham cattle and operates a dairy in connection with his other farm work.

On October 26, 1892, Anthony J. Dauner was married to Thressa Slicker, who was born in Detroit, Michigan, November 15, 1863, a daughter of Ludwig and Thressa (Trollman) Slicker, the former of whom was engaged in the tailoring business in Detroit many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Dauner four children have been born, namely, Colette, who passed through the public schools, then attended the University of Michigan two years and is now teaching German, Latin and algebra in the high school at Fowlerville; Hortense, who is attending Fenton high school, and Austin and Wals-ton, deceased.

In politics Mr. Dauner is an independent voter, taking an active interest in all public matters of local importance. He and his family are members of the Catholic church, in which faith they were reared.

GEORGE A. WEBBER.

George A. Webber, former alderman, a well-known and successful real-estate dealer at Flint, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Burton township, July 10, 1869, son of George and Mary (Webber) Webber, both natives of Devonshire, England, who were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Emma, wife of Gilbert Boland, of Flint; John, of Flint; Louise, who died at the age of twenty-one months, and Edwin S., of Burton township, this county.

The senior George Webber was the second in order of birth of the four children born to his parents, the others being John, Mrs. Anna Rice and Mrs. Elizabeth Boundy. When a young man he came to the United States and located in Genesee county, New York. Presently he returned to his native Devon and married the girl who had awaited his coming and then

with his bride returned to the United States. After living a few years in Genesee county, New York, they came to Michigan and settled in Burton township, this county. There George Webber bought a small farm of thirty-seven and one-half acres, on which he established his home and spent the rest of his life, long being one of the best-known residents of that part of the county. He and his wife were members of the Episcopal church and were active and influential in local good works. George Webber died on July 16, 1904, at the age of seventy-eight years. His widow survived him until February 15, 1909, she being seventy-five years of age at the time of her death.

Upon completing the course in the district school in the neighborhood of his home in Burton township, George A. Webber took a course in a business college at Flint and when twenty-two years old left the home farm to accept the position of clerk in the Dayton House at Flint. After six months of that employment he was appointed supervisor of the school for the deaf at Flint and served in that capacity for five years, at the end of which time he was employed as circulation manager in the office of the *Flint Journal*, at the same time becoming local agent for the *Detroit News* and the *Detroit Tribune*. While thus employed Mr. Webber began to give considerable attention to the local real-estate field and in time developed a growing real-estate business, to which he for some time has devoted his entire attention and is doing very well. He owns a modern residence at 132 West Court street, where he and his family are very pleasantly situated, and is also the owner of nine houses in Flint and a fifty-acre farm in the township of Grand Blanc. Mr. Webber is vice-president of the Cook Gooler Company, manufacturers of a device for the cooling of "hot-boxes" on railroad trains. He is a Republican and for two years served the city as alderman from the third ward.

On June 20, 1894, George A. Webber was united in marriage to Catherine Cook, who was born in Grand Blanc township, this county, February 3, 1872, daughter of Miles P. and Susan (Reid) Cook, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Michigan. Miles P. Cook, who is still living in this county, is an honored veteran of the Civil War, having served for four years as a member of the Twentieth Ohio Battery, during which service he several times was wounded; quite seriously at the battle of Lookout Mountain. Upon the completion of his military service he entered the railroad service and was for many years traveling passenger agent for the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. His wife died on May 19, 1915, and he is now living at Flint. To him and his wife four daughters were born, Mrs. Web-

ber having three sisters, Mabel, Maud and Grace, besides an adopted sister, Almira. Mrs. Webber's paternal grandparents were Pherris Wells and Amanda (Case) Cook, natives of Ohio, who were the parents of nine children, of whom her father was the eldest, the others being Lewis, who was killed while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War; Lorraine, Mary, Lucy, Charles, Wells, Julia and Cornelia. Her maternal grandparents, John and Almira (Hallock) Reid, the former a native of Rush county, New York, and the latter of Vermont, were pioneers of this county, having first settled in Grand Blanc township and later moving to Mundy township, where John Reid conducted a hotel. He died at the age of fifty and his widow lived to be seventy-five years of age. They were the parents of four children, Mrs. Cook having had a sister, Adelaide, and two brothers, George and Alfred. To Mr. and Mrs. Webber four children have been born, Irene V., George Leslie, David Pherris and Mary Catherine. They are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Webber being a member of the auditing board of the same. Mr. Webber is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Loyal Guard.

WILLIAM GOODES.

William Goodes, one of the best-known merchants of the city of Flint, head of the firm of Goodes & Son, dealers in general hardware and agricultural implements, 619 South Saginaw street, is a native of England, but has been a resident of the United States since he was two years old and of Genesee county since he was eighteen. He was born in Lincolnshire on June 10, 1851, son of William and Ann (Larter) Goodes, both natives of England, the latter of whom was the daughter of an Episcopal clergyman.

The elder William Goodes was reared a farmer in his native Lincolnshire and was thus engaged for some years after his marriage there, or until 1852, in which year he came to America with his family and located in the near vicinity of the city of Rochester, New York, where he engaged in farming until 1868, when he came to Michigan with his family, settling in Clayton township, this county. There he bought a farm, which he proceeded to improve and upon which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring when he was sixty-eight years of age. His widow survived him some years and was seventy-eight years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, namely: Mary

Ann, deceased, who was the wife of W. H. Wilbur; Elizabeth, widow of Leverett Tupper, of Flushing, this county; Samuel, deceased; William, the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Ellen, wife of W. C. Colbreth, of Gaines township, this county; Martha, deceased, who was the wife of Macolm Carmichael, and Frances, wife of Charles Harding, of Flint.

The junior William Goodes was but a babe in arms when his parents came to this country in 1852 and he was about eighteen years old when they came to this county in 1868. He had been reared on a farm in New York and upon coming to this county proved a valuable assistant to his father in the labors of developing the home farm in Clayton township, where he remained until after his marriage in 1873, when he rented a farm in the neighborhood of his father's place and began farming on his own account, being thus engaged for several years, at the end of which time he bought an eighty-acre farm in that same neighborhood and there made his home until 1887, in which year he moved to Flint, where he began clerking in a hardware store. He thoroughly familiarized himself with the details of that business and in 1893 opened a hardware store of his own. The next year, 1894, he moved to his present location in South Saginaw street and has ever since been engaged in business there, being one of the best-known merchants in the city. For some years past he has had associated with him as a partner in the business his younger son, Raymond H. Goodes, an enterprising and progressive young business man.

It was on January 6, 1873, that William Goodes was united in marriage to Isabel McGlinchey, daughter of Hugh and Emeline McGlinchey, and to this union two sons were born, Dr. Claude C. Goodes, a dentist, now engaged in the real-estate business at Detroit, who married Nellie Beecher and has one child, a daughter, Frances, and Raymond H. Goodes, partner with his father in the hardware business at Flint, who married Carrie Glendenning and has one child, a son, William G. Mrs. Isabel Goodes died in 1887, at the age of thirty-three years, and in 1888 Mr. Goodes married, secondly, Anna Eggleston, who was born at Flint on October 1, 1857, daughter of John and Marilda (Beecher) Eggleston, the former a son of John Eggleston and the latter a daughter of Chauncey and Arilla (Stewart) Beecher, which union has been without issue. Mrs. Goodes is a member of the Presbyterian church and she and Mr. Goodes take a proper interest in all movements having to do with the advancement of the best interests of their home city.

Mr. Goodes is a Democrat and for a number of years served as high-

way commissioner for Clayton township, during which term of service he erected the first stone-abutment and steel bridges in that township. He also served as township treasurer for two years and after moving to Flint continued his interests in public affairs and for one term served as police commissioner. Mr. Goodes is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Detroit, and with Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in that city. His local connection with Masonry is through membership in Flint Lodge No. 23; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; Flint Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, while both he and his wife are members of the Flint chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

GEORGE H. McVANNEL.

George H. McVannel, county surveyor and highway engineer of Genesee county and one of the best-known civil engineers in this part of the state, is a native of Indiana, born in the city of Ft. Wayne, that state, January 5, 1883, son of Samuel and Janet (Craig) McVannel, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Indiana, who were the parents of eight children, namely: James F., of London, Ontario; Anna, widow of Gurdon Wilcox, of Flint; Nettie Jane, of Flint; Lillian, wife of Claud Ferris, of Flint; Lawrence, deceased, twin brother of Lillian; George H., the subject of this sketch, and Agnes B., wife of Thomas Glendon, of Chicago.

Samuel McVannel was about five years old when his parents, Duncan and Mary McVannel, emigrated from Scotland to Canada, settling at Shelburn, where he grew to manhood, later moving to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where he married Janet Craig, who was born on a farm in the neighborhood of that city, daughter of James and Janet Craig, both of whom were born near Glasgow, Scotland, and who had come to America with their respective parents, the two families settling in Ohio. James Craig married in Ohio and later settled in Allen county, near Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where he died at the age of seventy-six years. His widow after that made her home with her daughter, Mrs. McVannel, at Flint, where she died in 1912, at the age of eighty-four years. James Craig and wife were the parents of five children, John, Janet, Andrew, Maggie and Thomas.

In 1892 Samuel McVannel and his family moved from Ft. Wayne to Flint. At that time George H. McVannel was about nine years old and after

completing the course in the public schools of that city he entered the Michigan Agricultural College, from the civil engineer department of which he was graduated in 1908. Thus equipped for the practice of his difficult profession he returned to Flint and for a year thereafter was engaged in the office of the city civil engineer, after which he formed a partnership with Robert B. McFarlan in surveying and civil engineering. After two years of this connection Mr. McVannel was engaged by the commissioners of Eaton county to serve as drainage engineer for that county and was thus engaged for three years, at the end of which time he was appointed county highway engineer by the Genesee county highway commissioners, which office he still holds, as well as that of county surveyor and civil engineer, to which latter office he was elected in 1914 on the Republican ticket.

On June 11, 1913, George H. McVannel was united in marriage to Clara Louise Patterson, who was born at Charlotte, this state, February 20, 1884, daughter of Dr. Philo D. and Augusta (Bickford) Patterson, both natives of Michigan. Doctor Paterson died in 1906 and his widow is still living. They were the parents of two children, Mrs. McVannel having an elder sister, Mabel. To Mr. and Mrs. McVannel one child has been born, a son, Robert Paterson. Mrs. McVannel is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. McVannel is a Royal Arch Mason and is senior deacon of Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons. He is affiliated with Charlotte Chapter No. 82 and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

WILLIAM W. BLACKNEY.

William W. Blackney, former county clerk, a member of the Flint city school board and a well-known practicing attorney of Flint, member of the law firm of Bishop & Blackney, with offices in the Dryden building, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the village of Clio, in the northern part of the county, August 28, 1876, youngest of the eight children born to William W. and Frances M. (Bell) Blackney, the others being as follow: Charles W., of Sebastopol, California; Elmer T. of Port Huron, this state; Nellie F., wife of George A. Lacure, of Clio, this county; Alice A., wife of Lee H. Russell, of Standish, this state; John L., of Saginaw; Mabel E., of Clio, and Agnes, who died in early childhood.

The elder William W. Blackney was reared in New York state and was given an excellent education. He became a school teacher and presently

came to Michigan, settling at Clio, this county, where he was engaged in book keeping and teaching for several years. He later bought a farm of three hundred acres in that neighborhood and was becoming quite well circumstanced when he became a victim of the epidemic of malarial fever that swept over this region about that time and died, in the forty-second year of his age, August 28, 1876, the day on which the subject of this sketch was born. William W. Blackney was a man of large influence in his community and had held local offices. His widow survived him for more than twenty years, her death occurring in 1898, she then being fifty-five years of age. She was a very earnest worker in the Methodist Protestant church and devoted to all neighborhood good works. Mrs. Blackney was a native of England, who had come to this county when a small girl with her parents, John Bell and wife, the family settling on Grand Island, in the Niagara River, where John Bell engaged in farming, spending the rest of his life there, living to a ripe old age. His wife died at the age of seventy. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. Blackney having had a brother, John, and a sister, Elizabeth.

The junior William W. Blackney was graduated from the Clio high school in 1894 and thereafter for ten years was engaged in teaching school, the last year of his service in that connection being spent as superintendent of the schools at Clio. In that year, 1904, he was nominated by the Republicans of Genesee county for the office of county clerk and was elected in November of that year, taking office on January 1, 1905. He was twice re-elected to that office and upon completing his third term of public service, started, that very night, for Ann Arbor, where he entered the law department of the State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1912. Mr. Blackney was admitted to the bar shortly afterward and in November, 1912, formed a partnership with Clifford A. Bishop, prosecuting attorney for Genesee county, and has ever since been engaged in the practice of his profession under the firm name of Bishop & Blackney. On January 1, 1913, Mr. Blackney was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney and is still serving the county in that official capacity. He is a stockholder in the National Bank of Flint and he and his partner are interested in the Paterson Auto Sales Company. Mr. Blackney has given close attention to general civic affairs and is a member of the city school board, a service to which he gives his most thoughtful attention. He owns a comfortable home at 719 Stevens street, where he and his family are very pleasantly situated.

It was on December 23, 1904, that William W. Blackney was united

in marriage to Cassie F. Miller, who was born at Swartz Creek, this county, September 27, 1883, daughter of William L. and Alice (Ingalls) Miller, both natives of Michigan, who have lived in the village of Swartz Creek for many years. William L. Miller is a son of Enos Miller and wife, early pioneers of Genesee county, the former of whom is still living and the latter of whom lived to a ripe old age, who were the parents of six children, Clarence J., William L., John, Clinton (deceased), Archibald T. and Cassius. Mrs. Blackney's maternal grandparents, Benjamin Ingalls and wife, also were early settlers in Genesee county, where they reared three daughters and one son, Hattie, Etta, Alice and Adelbert. William L. Miller, a well-known hardware merchant of Swartz Creek, was for sixteen years postmaster of that village. He and his wife are the parents of three children, Mrs. Blackney having two brothers, LaVern O. and Ford B.

To William W. and Cassie F. (Miller) Blackney one child has been born, a daughter, Shirley Mae, born on April 28, 1915. Mr. Blackney is a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight Templar and a noble of Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Knights of the Maccabees, of the Gleaners and of the Loyal Guard and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Daughters of Rebekah.

JARED VAN FLEET.

Jared Van Fleet, former city treasurer of Flint, who for years has been actively and successfully engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in that city, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Gaines township, this county, October 2, 1846, son of James and Mary Ann (Cooley) Van Fleet, both natives of the state of New Jersey, whose last days were spent in Flint.

James Van Fleet was a son of Jared and Betsy Van Fleet, both natives of New Jersey, of Dutch descent, who spent their last days on a farm near Ovid, New York, Jared Van Fleet having been eighty-five years of age at the time of his death. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, Edward, Montgomery, Watson, Bernard, James, Emma and Rachel. James Van Fleet was a boy when his parents moved from New Jersey to New York and he grew to manhood near Ovid, in the latter state, and as a young man taught school for several years. There he married and in 1843 came

to Michigan, settling in Genesee county. He bought a farm of eighty acres in Gaines township and cultivated the same with such success that it was not long until he became recognized as one of the most substantial residents of that part of the county. As he prospered he added to his land holdings until he presently became the owner of six hundred acres. From the very beginning of his residence in this county Mr. Van Fleet took an active and prominent part in local political affairs and early was elected supervisor of Gaines township. He also served for some years as justice of the peace in and for that township and in 1866 was elected representative from this district to the state Legislature, serving two terms in the House. In 1868 he was elected county treasurer of Genesee county and moved to Flint, where he thereafter made his home. After serving four years as treasurer he served for four years as chief deputy in the county treasurer's office. He afterward was elected supervisor for Flint and served in that important capacity for ten or twelve years, at the end of which time he was elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he served for several years, after which he engaged in the insurance business and was thus occupied until he retired from active business life. James Van Fleet lived to the great age of ninety-five years, his death occurring at his home in Flint on March 28, 1915. His wife had preceded him to the grave more than twenty years before, her death having occurred in 1892, she then having been sixty-eight years of age. Four of their children grew to maturity and are still living, the subject of this biographical review having two brothers, Albert B. Van Fleet, of Durand, this state, and John C. Van Fleet, of Vienna township, this county, and a sister, Ann Elizabeth, wife of William H. Fairchild, of Swartz Creek, this county.

Jared Van Fleet completed his schooling in the Flint high school and then began to clerk in a grocery store in that city. He later received the appointment as deputy county clerk under Judge Long and later served two years in the same capacity under L. D. Cook. He then was a deputy in the office of the register of deeds, under George Taylor, for four years, at the end of which time he engaged in the real-estate business, which he has quite successfully followed ever since. Mr. Van Fleet also was city treasurer of the city of Flint for two years and in all his public service worked with the best interests of the community at heart.

On October 27, 1875, Jared Van Fleet was united in marriage to Agnes Gibson, who was born at Albion, New York, daughter of Samuel G. Gibson and wife, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Isabella G.,

who is a stenographer in the office of the judge of probate at Flint. Mr. and Mrs. Van Fleet are members of the Episcopal church and take a warm interest in the various social and cultural activities of their home town.

FRANK A. GREEN.

Frank A. Green, sheriff of Genesee county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Atlas township on May 21, 1878, son of Oscar L. and Diana (Shrader) Green, both natives of New York state, who were the parents of four sons, of whom the subject of this sketch is the youngest, the others being Arthur, of Lapeer county, this state; Walter, of Atlas township, this county, and Claude, of Flint.

Oscar L. Green was born in Erie county, New York, son of Alonzo Green and wife, the former a native of Massachusetts, who came to Michigan in 1854 and settled in Atlas township, this county, establishing their home on a farm there and there they spent the rest of their lives. Alonzo Green lived to the great age of ninety-four years and his wife also lived to a ripe old age. They were the parents of four children, Fred, Myron, Lucy and Oscar L. The latter was a young man when he came to this county with his parents and he later became a farmer on his own account in Atlas township, the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and ten acres. He married Diana Shrader, who also was born in Erie county, New York. Her father was a native of Germany and she was the third in order of birth of the six children born to her parents, the others being Philip, Henry, Caroline, William and Christopher. Oscar L. Green was an excellent farmer and was an influential resident of the community in which he lived, for years a director of schools in his district. He died on December 22, 1915, at the age of seventy-one years, and his widow, who still survives, is now past seventy-two.

Frank A. Green was reared on the paternal farm in Atlas township and finished his schooling in the Ortonville high school. He remained at home until he had passed his majority and then took employment in the Oak Grove sanitarium at Flint, where he was engaged for three years, at the end of which time he was appointed a member of the Flint police force and served in that capacity for seven years. He then was made deputy sheriff, under Sheriff W. O. Parkhurst, and after four years of service in that office was elected sheriff in 1912. He was re-elected in 1914 and is

now serving on his second term. Sheriff Green is a Republican and for years has taken an active interest in local political affairs.

Sheriff Green and wife reside in the sheriff's residence and maintain the same in admirable style. Mrs. Green was born Anna Wainwright, only child of George and Anna (Bennison) Wainwright, but from childhood was known as Anna Hess and her marriage certificate was made out with the latter name inserted. Her father died when she was a small child and her mother married, secondly, Adam Hess. Mrs. Green was born in England and was but an infant when her parents came to this country. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are now living in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Green is a member of the Baptist church. To Sheriff and Mrs. Green one child has been born, a daughter, Charlotte Lucile. Sheriff Green is a Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose.

THOMAS J. HENDERSON.

Thomas J. Henderson, proprietor of a steam-and-hot-water-fitting establishment at 515 Brush street, Flint, is a native of Canada, but has been a resident of Flint since he was a boy and has therefore been a witness to and a participant in the notable development of that city in recent years. He was born at Stratford, Ontario, July 22, 1879, son of Thomas U. and Rosa (Sutton) Henderson, both natives of Canada, now and for years past residents of Flint, who are the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mabel, wife of Louis Merrick, of Detroit.

Thomas H. Henderson also was born at Stratford, Ontario, son of Thomas and Mary (Hollingsworth) Henderson, who emigrated from Scotland to Canada and settled at what afterward became the town of Stratford, Thomas Henderson having built for a home the second log house erected at that point. He was a stone mason. He and his wife spent the rest of their lives at Stratford, both living to ripe old ages. They were the parents of six children, William, Richard, Eliza, Jane, Thomas H. and Edward. Thomas H. Henderson was early trained to the tinner's trade and also learned the details of the plumbing and heating business. He married Rosa Sutton, daughter of John Sutton and wife, who had settled at Stratford, Ontario, upon emigrating from England to Canada. John Sutton was a car builder and later moved to Detroit, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, he being ninety-six years of age at the time of his

death. He and his wife were the parents of five children, Mary, Jane, Rosa, Fred and one who died in youth. About 1889 Thomas H. Henderson and his family came to Michigan and located at Flint, where for some years Mr. Henderson was engaged as foreman of the George W. Hubbard plant, after which he opened a plumbing, heating and sheet-metal establishment of his own and has ever since been conducting the same.

Thomas J. Henderson was about ten years old when his parents moved to Flint and he ever since has made his home in that city. He obtained his schooling in the public schools and early began learning the plumbing trade under his father's direction, and later became thoroughly acquainted with the heating business. He worked in his father's shop until 1900, in which year he opened an establishment of his own and has since then been engaged in the general plumbing and heating business, with special attention to the equipment of steam-and-hot-water-heating plants, and has done very well.

On December 22, 1899, Thomas J. Henderson was united in marriage to Katie Zeyher, who was born at Muskegon, this state, in 1876, fourth in order of birth of the five children born to her parents, natives of Germany, both now deceased, the other children being Charles, Amos, Ida and Fred. To this union two children have been born, Ida Mae and Katherine. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are members of the First Baptist church. Mr. Henderson is a Republican.

CHARLES E. LEONARD.

Charles E. Leonard, a prominent farmer of Flint, was born in Wayne county, New York, on April 14, 1871, being the son of Albert E. and Hattie (Fritz) Leonard, both of whom also were natives of Wayne county. Charles was the only child of this union.

Albert E. Leonard was reared in Wayne county, New York, and there followed the trade of a cooper for some years. In 1877 he came to Michigan, locating in Genesee county and was employed on a farm in Atlas township by John Joy. He remained there for three years and then removed to Atlas, a small village, where he worked at his trade, that of a cooper, making barrels for the mill that was located in the village. After remaining there for some time, he returned to New York, where he remained until after the death of his father. He then returned to Atlas and was again employed by Mr. Atherton in the heading-mill for three years, after which he was engaged in farming on his own account, for three years, on the George Campbell

farm. He then rented the Putman farm, three miles east of Goodrich, where he remained for three years. After a short time with Mart Wilson, he purchased forty acres in Oakland county. Here he improved the farm, remodeled the house and built a barn and, besides the work on his own farm, he cultivated the Marsh farm. Some six years later he sold the farm and moved to Springfield, in the same county, where he operated a twenty-acre tract. He still resides here.

Albert E. Leonard was twice married. His first wife, the mother of Charles E. Leonard, died in 1874. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Nellie McFarland and to this union were born, Frank, of Clarkton; Art, of Oakland county; Minnie, who died when but a small child, and Eddie, of Pontiac.

The paternal grandparents of Charles E. Leonard were Cyrus and Mary Leonard, the former being a native of Scotland and the latter of England. They came to America when about seventeen years of age and settled in the state of New York, where they met and were later married. Mr. Leonard died on the farm in New York at the age of eighty-seven. The widow later came to Atlas, where she died at the age of eighty years. She was a devout Christian and took much interest in church work. They were the parents of Albert E. and a twin who died; Cyrus and Sarah.

The maternal grandparents, Fritz by name, were natives of Germany and both lived to be quite aged. Mr. Fritz was a successful farmer and the family always lived on the farm.

Charles E. Leonard was reared in the village of Atlas and on the farm and attended the public schools. After leaving school he worked on the farm, having been engaged by Lois McNeal for ten years. He later worked for George Jacobs, Alex Campbell and the Collins Brothers.

Mr. Leonard was united in marriage on December 20, 1893, to Minnie B. Hamilton, the daughter of James and Mary C. (Collins) Hamilton. One year after his marriage Mr. Leonard bought a farm of seventy-two acres in Atlas township, in sections 13 and 18, and here he farmed for sixteen years, when he sold the place, retired and moved to town.

In August, 1911, Mrs. Leonard died, at the age of thirty-seven years. She was born in Atlas township and here spent the greater part of her active life. Her father was a native of the north of Ireland and her mother was born in the state of New York. The parents came to Genesee county in an early day and were among the early pioneers.

James Hamilton, the father of Mrs. Charles E. Leonard, was born in Ireland in 1820, being the son of James and Elizabeth (McDole) Hamilton,

both of whom were said to be of Scotch descent. Young James lost his father when but nine years of age and when but fourteen came to the United States on a sailing vessel. He landed first at Quebec and later came to Youngstown, New York. In 1837 he came to Michigan, locating in Oakland county, where he partly cleared and improved a farm.

James Hamilton was first married to Margaret Lobban, a native of Scotland. His second wife was Mary Collins, a native of the state of New York, born on May 4, 1834. She was the daughter of William and Diana (Larne) Collins, and came with her parents to Genesee county in 1836, settling in Grand Blanc township. The father lived many years after coming to his new home and the mother survived him a number of years. To James and Mary Hamilton were born the following children: Maggie, the wife of Fred Dickinson; Jemma, the wife of Fred E. Gale, and Minnie. Mr. Hamilton held various township offices and he and his wife were held in high esteem.

Fraternally, Charles E. Leonard is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a Democrat in politics and takes an interest in the selecting of good men to office.

CHARLES A. BLACKINTON.

Charles A. Blackinton, a farmer and stockman of much prominence in Flint township, was born on the old home place, where R. A. Blackinton now lives, on January 30, 1860, being the son of Jabez and Matilda (Johnson) Blackinton.

Jabez Blackinton came to Michigan when but a boy, with his parents, and located in Detroit. The city at that time was but a small place and here the father of Jabez was engaged in the mercantile trade for a time. He purchased land in Genesee county at the time and was unable to pay for it. He later purchased a farm in Livingston county, where he acquired one hundred and sixty acres, and here the family remained for a few years. The family later went to Genesee county and purchased the eighty acres where R. A. Blackinton now lives. It was here that William Blackinton, the father of Jabez died. At the time of his death he owned the home place of eighty acres and the one hundred and sixty acres in Livingston county. It was later that Jabez Blackinton purchased the home place of eighty acres and later added sixty acres to the farm. It was here that he died in 1883.

Matilda Johnson came to Flint township with her mother from New York City and here they purchased a farm. It was here that Matilda later met and married Jabez Blackinton and to them were born the following children: William J., who now lives at East Ninth street, Flint; Robert, on the old home place; Anna, the wife of Joseph McGlinchey, of Flint; Charles A.; Sarah, who died in infancy; Henry, who died at the age of seven years; Francis, who is the widow of Walter Persons, and George, who died in infancy.

Charles A. Blackinton received his education in the district school of the township of that time. He remained at home until January 17, 1884, at which time he was married to Jessie H. Persons, the daughter of Marvin and Kate Persons, of Flint township. After their marriage, Charles A. and Jessie H. Blackinton located on the farm where they now reside and which has been developed and improved under their efforts. They are the parents of one child, Jay Guy. Jay Guy married Mary Willitt and to them have been born the following children: Esther, born on October 31, 1911; Charles W., born on October 29, 1913, and James Guy, born on June 29, 1915.

Charles A. Blackinton is a successful farmer and a breeder of fine Holstein cattle and a dairyman of note. His farm is located one and one-half miles southwest of Flint and is on the river road. Here he has one hundred and fifty acres of good land, eighty-seven acres of which is being cultivated by his son, Guy.

Mr. Blackinton is a Republican in politics and held the offices of supervisor, pathmaster and director of his school district. He is an active member of the Maccabees and the Gleaners, as well as an active member of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN TURNER.

John Turner, a prominent farmer of Flushing township, was born on June 24, 1852, at Stafford, Genesee county, New York, being the son of James and Elizabeth (Fersdon) Turner. James Turner was born in Devonshire, England, in 1825, the son of James and Susan (Dell) Turner. In 1851 James Turner, Jr., came to the United States with his father and settled in the state of New York. The father returned to England some time later. In 1852 Elizabeth Turner joined her husband in New York. In April the family came to Flushing township, where they settled on a



JAMES TURNER.



JOHN CROSSLEY.

farm in sections 21 and 22, where Mr. Turner lived until his death in 1893. In March, 1850, James Turner was married to Elizabeth (Fersdon) Turner, who was born in England, in 1823. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Fersdon, natives of England, where they lived and died. The father was a blacksmith and a man well known in the community in which he lived.

John Turner received most of his early education in the state of New York, but attended school in Michigan, to which he came at the age of fourteen years. He married Elizabeth Crossley, a native of Flint, where she was born on January 10, 1862, the daughter of John and Lydia H. (Fiton) Crossley.

John Crossley was born in Lancaster county, England, on December 18, 1822, and came to the United States in 1842, settling in the state of New York. He became a plumber and gas fitter at Utica, where he remained until 1847, when he came to Detroit and was there employed by the Sam Ferguson Company. He was later sent by the company to Flint to install the first heating system at the deaf and dumb asylum. He remained at the asylum for nearly seventeen years and was later superintendent of the Flint Gas Company for eighteen months. The latter position he had to give up owing to ill health, and he died in July, 1913.

Politically, Mr. Crossley was a Republican and took an interest in all local matters. He was one of the first members of the Flint Episcopal church. During the latter part of the Civil War he was drafted as a soldier, but, owing to his health, he had to hire a substitute, being compelled to sell a cow in order to get the necessary money.

Lydia (Fiton) Crossley was born on October 7, 1829, in England, where she was educated and grew to womanhood. She later came to the United States with her mother and they settled at Utica, New York, where she was married to John Crossley. To this union the following children were born: Anna, Martha, Emma, Joseph, John, Sarah, Elizabeth, Marion, Charlotte and three who died in infancy. Mrs. Crossley died on May 5, 1906. The maternal grandparents of Lydia Crossley were James and Charlotte (Hill) Fiton, while the paternal grandparents were James and Lydia (Warren) Crossley, all of whom were natives of England.

To John and Elizabeth Turner have been born the following children: Thomas J., Guy C., Edith, Sadie and two who died in infancy. Thomas J., who was born on May 5, 1882, is an electrician and followed that work for twelve years at Flint and at Lansing. He is now farming. Fraternaly,

he is a Free and Accepted Mason. Guy C., who was born on July 19, 1883, and is living at home, is a Free and Accepted Mason and has filled all the chairs of his lodge. Edith, born on November 11, 1885, is the wife of William D. Pratt, a farmer and mechanic of Flushing. Sadie was born on June 9, 1900, and died on January 22, 1913.

For three years after his marriage, John Turner lived on his father's farm. He then purchased forty acres of timber land in sections 16 and 21. In 1891 he purchased eighty acres additional and at the death of his parents he came into possession of their one-hundred-and-ten-acre farm, making a total in his present farm of two hundred and thirty acres. The farm is under a high state of cultivation and well improved. The son is now looking after the farm, as Mr. Turner lives a semi-retired life. In early life he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Flushing.

FRANK DULLAM.

Frank Dullam, veteran druggist, head of the firm of Frank Dullam & Son, Flint, and for years one of the best-known merchants in that city, is a native of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Flint township on December 29, 1853, son of Robert W. and Mary Ann (Crocker) Dullam, natives of Devonshire, England, and early settlers in this county, who were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: William, deceased; Angeline, deceased, who was the wife of James H. Failing; Lydia, widow of Richard H. Hughes; Julia A., deceased, who was the wife of William S. Pierson, and John C.

Robert W. Dullam was the elder of the two sons born to his parents and he was reared and educated in England, where he married Mary Ann Crocker, who was the sixth in order of birth of the eight children born to her parents. Both Robert W. Dullam and Mary Ann Crocker were singers in the Episcopal church choir in their home town and there was a difference of but six weeks in the dates of their birth. Six weeks after their marriage they came to the United States, in 1844, and proceeded directly to Michigan, locating in Flint township, this county. That was before the day of the railroad in this region and they drove into Genesee county behind

an ox-team. Robert W. Dullam bought a quarter of a section of timber land in Flint township and there he established his home. He cleared and improved that farm, bought other lands and early became recognized as one of the leading residents of that community. In 1868 he sold his farm to John H. Gotschall and moved with his family into Flint, where he spent the rest of his life retired, though for years thereafter active in the public service, for some years acting as township supervisor and for eighteen years superintendent of the poor. He was a Democrat and paid considerable attention to local political affairs. He also gave considerable attention to business affairs and upon the organization of the First National Bank of Flint was one of the stockholders in the same. While both he and his wife were reared in the Episcopal church, after coming to this county they identified themselves with the Methodist church and Mr. Dullam for years was a member of the official board of the same. He died at the age of seventy-five and his widow survived him until she was eighty-one years of age.

Frank Dullam was about seventeen years old when his parents moved from the farm into Flint and his schooling was continued in the city. He spent his first summer vacation in the city as a clerk in a grocery store and the second summer, in July, 1870, began clerking in the drug store of W. C. Cummings & Company and was thus engaged for about five years, at the end of which time he bought Mr. Cummings's interest in the store and has been in the drug business ever since, a period of something more than forty-six years. In addition to his drug store, he is the owner of a general store at the corner of Lapeer and Eighth streets, Flint, and has for many years been regarded as among the leading merchants of the city. For some years past he has had associated with him as a partner in the business his son, Arthur P. Dullam. Mr. Dullam is a Republican and served as alderman from his home ward in 1884-85. He also was a member of the board of education for nine years. He has ever taken an active interest in the general business affairs of the city and is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Flint.

On April 21, 1874, Frank Dullam was united in marriage to Mattie A. Phillipson, who was born near Murray, New York, daughter of John C. and Mary L. (Hurd) Phillipson, the former a native of England and the latter of the state of New York, for many years residents of Flint. John C. Phillipson died in 1886 and his widow is still living, being now past eighty years of age. He was a son of John Phillipson and wife, who emigrated from England and settled in New York state. To Frank and Mattie A. (Phillipson) Dullam one child was born, a son, Arthur P. Dullam, who married Nina B. Thompson and is a partner in his father's business. Mrs.

Mattie A. Dullam died in 1901, at the age of forty-five years, and in 1903 Mr. Dullam married, secondly, Mrs. Lillian (Burren) McGlinchey, widow of William McGlinchey. She died in 1908 and in 1910 he married Ida M. Zimmerman, daughter of Louis B. and Mary (Ackley) Zimmerman. They attend the Presbyterian church. Mr. Dullam is a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight Templar and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, attached to Elf Kharufeh Temple at Saginaw.

WALTER W. BEEBE.

Comparatively few young men remain on the home farm. They drift away to the cities or some farming community in another part of the country. Some better their conditions, others do not, and as a rule most of them had better remained on their native soil. Walter W. Beebe, a farmer of Mundy township, Genesee county, has been wise enough to remain at home. He was born on the farm where he now lives, June 6, 1867, and is a son of Zola and Phoebe Jane (Slaght)Beebe. The father was born in Ohio and when a young man, came with his parents to Genesee county, Michigan, the family locating in Grand Blanc township. The father died when his son, Zola, was a baby, and at a tender age the latter was thrown upon his own resources; but he courageously set about his way in the world and, by grit and perseverance, succeeded. The mother of the subject of this sketch was a native of the state of New York, being a child when her parents removed to Michigan, locating in Oakland county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school. The family were among the very first settlers in that locality.

Zola Beebe and wife first located in section 21, Mundy township, Genesee county, where they spent a few years, then moved to section 15 in this township, buying the farm on which Walter W. now lives. There they continued to make their home until in August, 1893, when they removed to Flint retiring from active life. Six children were born to them, four of whom grew to maturity and are still living, namely: Libbie is the wife of Adelbert Storer and they live near Flint; Ella is the wife of Wallace Storer and they make their home in Mundy township; Walter W., of this sketch; Julia is the wife of Herbert Bigelow and they reside in Flint.

Walter W. Beebe grew up on the farm, where he worked hard during

the summer months, attending the district schools in the winter time; he also attended the Flint schools. He has remained on the homestead, which he has kept well improved and well cultivated. He raises a great deal of live stock of all kinds. The place contains seventy-eight acres.

Mr. Beebe was married, on July 31, 1893, to Mary De Etta Page, a daughter of John and Luthera (Gerow) Page, the latter being of French descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Page one child was born—the wife of the subject of this sketch.

To Mr. and Mrs. Beebe five children have been born, namely: Aerle died in infancy; De Etta May is the wife of Frank Marl, of Flint, and they have one child, Lyle; Walter H. is attending school; Dorris A. R. is at home, and Donna Marie is the baby.

Politically, Mr. Beebe is a Republican and has been active in party affairs for some time. He was township clerk for three years, highway commissioner one term, and for the past four years has been supervisor of Mundy township, having been elected in 1912. He has filled all positions of public trust ably and acceptably. Fraternaly, he belongs to Mundy Lodge No. 504, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the grand lodge. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

AARON B. CREGO.

Aaron B. Crego, under-sheriff for the county of Genesee, is a native son of Flint and has lived in that city all his life. He was born on November 11, 1880, son of Aaron and Eliza Jane (Davidson) Crego, natives of the state of New York, the former of whom, now deceased, was for forty years deputy sheriff of Genesee county and the latter of whom is still living in Flint, making her home with her son, the subject of this biographical sketch.

The senior Aaron Crego was born at Clarence, New York, the son of Aaron and Catherine (Diefendorf) Crego, natives of the state of New York, who spent all their lives there, both living to advanced years. They were the parents of four children, Aaron, John, Dolly and Jane. When a young man, Aaron Crego came to Michigan and settled at Jackson, whence, after awhile, he came to Genesee county and located at Atlas, where he followed the trade of carpenter. He presently was appointed deputy sheriff and some time afterward moved to Flint, where he spent the rest of his life, serving for forty years in the capacity of deputy sheriff. His death

occurred on April 3, 1906, he then being eighty-four years of age. During the Civil War, Aaron Crego served as provost marshal for this military district and for many years was one of the most influential men in the community. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, as is his widow, and their children were reared in that faith. Aaron Crego was thrice married, by his first marriage having had one child, a son, Abraham, now deceased, and by his second marriage, two children, George, of Detroit, and Emma, who married Fred Parker, also of Detroit. By his union with Eliza Jane Davidson he was the father of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: John, deceased; Agnes, who died in childhood; Charity, who married Grant J. Fermo and died in Florida; Fred, an engineer on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad, with headquarters in Chicago; Frank, of Delray, Florida and William a cigar maker, living at Flint. The mother of these children is still living at Flint, in the seventy-sixth year of her age. She was born in New York state, daughter of Samuel and Jane Davidson, the former of whom was a cooper, and was but a child when her parents came to Michigan, settling in the village of Oakwood, in Oakland county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, both living to advanced ages. Samuel Davidson and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Crego was the first-born, the others being Harriet, Alma, Agnes, Armina, John Wesley, George, Edward and William.

Aaron B. Crego grew to manhood in Flint, the city of his birth, attending the public schools there and early learned the trade of cigar-maker, at which he worked for a few years, later working in the Paterson carriage factory, the Durant-Dort factory and the Buick factory. On January 1, 1909, he was appointed deputy sheriff of Genesee county, a position he held for four years, at the end of which time he was appointed under-sheriff, which position he now occupies. Mr. Crego is a Republican. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On November 6, 1906, Aaron B. Crego was united in marriage to Josephine Carroll, who also was born at Flint, daughter of Daniel and Jane Carroll, the latter of whom was born in England and both of whom are now deceased, who were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Crego was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Mrs. Catherine Drowley, Mrs. Chester H. Rood, Mrs. C. C. Chappell and Daniel T. Carroll. To Mr. and Mrs. Crego two children have been born, Kathryn Jane and Aaron Carroll. Mr. Crego is a member of the Catholic church.

JAMES D. BAKER.

James D. Baker, a prominent farmer and stockman of Flint township, was born in Burton township, on October 21, 1856, being the son of Charles and Eliza (Dymond) Baker. Charles Baker was born in Devonshire, England, and grew to manhood on the farm. Some years after completing his education he married Eliza Dymond, and to this union six children were born before the family came to the United States in 1856. On leaving their native country, they came direct to Flint, where they arrived with very little money, but with the determination to win. For a time Mr. Baker worked on a farm for his brother. He later bought the farm in Burton township that he had farmed for fifteen years. At his death, in 1911, he owned one hundred and ninety acres of well improved land. Mrs. Baker died in 1909. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and took much interest in all church work.

Charles Baker and wife were the parents of the following children: Ann, the widow of John Ackerman, resides in Flint; Charles is a farmer in Grand Blanc; Thomas lives in Flint; George is an attorney in Chicago; Frank D. is the postmaster at Flint; Robert, deceased; James D.; Rose, the wife of Walter Harris of Grand Blanc; William, deceased; Mary, the widow of Goerge Gundry; Harry, on the home place in Burton township; Fred, in the postal service at Flint, and Louis, in the grocery business at Alma.

James D. Baker grew to manhood on the home farm in Burton township and received his education in the district schools. When twenty-six years of age he went to Clayton, Michigan, where he worked on a farm. On April 7, 1884, he was united in marriage to Hattie Le Valley, the daughter of Columbus and Harriet (Derby) Le Valley.

Columbus Le Valley was a native of the state of New York and came to Genesee county at a very early date. He cleared the farm of two hundred and forty acres, that his brother John had entered. He then returned to New York, where he married Harriet Derby and brought her to the farm he had made ready for a home. It was here that he died, on July 3, 1893. Mrs. Le Valley died on March 2, 1904. Columbus Le Valley and wife were the parents of three children: John, who died in infancy; Addie Jane, who resides in Flint and is the widow of Arthur Nicholas, and Harriet, who is the wife of James D. Baker.

James D. Baker, for one year after his marriage, rented the farm of his brother, after which he came to Flint township and rented the Le Valley farm for eight years. He then bought sixty acres, on which he lived until

1902, at which time he purchased the farm of one hundred and sixteen acres where he now lives.

James D. Baker and wife are the parents of nine children: Walter H., who resides on the home place, married Ava Ormiston and they are the parents of three children, Pauline D., Cletus E. and Frances M.; J. C. Baker, who also lives on a part of the home place, married Mable White and they are the parents of one child, Evelyn; Hattie is the wife of Maurice White, of Flint, and they are the parents of two children, Marion and Luetta May; Horace P. married Gladys Warner and they have two children, Warner and Kenneth Lloyd; LeValley died at the age of fourteen months; Addie Jane, Louie D., Robert S. and James are at home. James D. Baker is a Republican in politics.

THOMAS R. MAXWELL.

Thomas R. Maxwell, one of the pioneer farmers and stock raisers of Thetford township, Genesee county, was successful in his chosen vocation. He was born in Hastings county, Ontario, June 26, 1843, and was a son of James and Mary (Hagerman) Maxwell. The father was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and when a young man came alone to America, locating in Quebec, Canada, where he followed his trade as shoemaker, which he had learned in his native land. He was married in Canada and finally located in Kingston, Ontario, continuing at his trade. In 1851, when his son, Thomas R., was eight years old, he removed with his family to Michigan, locating in Thetford township, Genesee county, where he bought forty acres, woodland. This he cleared and built a home, with the help of his sons, and here he spent the rest of his life, continuing to work as a shoemaker in connection with farming. His family consisted of three children, namely: Mary M., wife of John Buttars, lives in St. Austin, Huron county, Michigan; Thomas R., of this sketch, and John W., who is living in the West. The father of these children married, for his second wife, Clarissa Ann Diamond, and to their union one child was born, Julia Ann, who is the wife of Wesley Grover, of Vienna township, Genesee county.

Thomas R. Maxwell worked on the home farm as a boy and attended the district schools, remaining at home to take care of his parents. On March 23, 1876, he was married to Delila Shannon. Her parents, George Isaac and Betsy E. (Lapish) Shannon, were born in Canada, of English parents; grew up and were married in Ontario, later moving to Forest town-



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS R. MAXWELL.

ship, Genesee county, Michigan, and spending the rest of their lives on a farm here.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell the following children were born: Alpha E. is the wife of Herman Geiger, of Flint; Gala R. lives in Clio; George lives in Detroit; Vida is the wife of Roy Wymer, of Clio, and Blanche, who was graduated from Mt. Morris high school, has taught in the common schools for five years, principally in Flint township.

Politically, Mr. Maxwell was an independent voter. He served as a member of the township board and as a justice of the peace. He was school director in district No. 5, Thetford township, for twenty years and served on the board of review in his township. As a public servant he discharged his duties most faithfully. He was a member of the Evangelical Association in Thetford township. He died on May 23, 1916, and was buried at Thetford Center.

HARLEY L. HILLS.

Harley L. Hills, purchasing agent for the Flint public schools, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the village of Flushing, May 30, 1881, son and only child of Nelson and Kitty (Sanford) Hills, both natives of Michigan, the former of whom died in Flint in 1910 and the latter of whom is still living in that city.

Nelson Hills was born in Macomb county, this state, son of Harley and Elizabeth Hills, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in Michigan. Harley Hills was the first blacksmith on the Grand Trunk line between Detroit and Port Huron. Upon coming to this state he located in Oakland county and later came to Genesee county and located at Flushing, where he kept a blacksmith shop for years. He and his wife now live at New Lathrop. They had four children, Nelson, William, Charlotte and Rosa. Nelson Hills was but a boy when his parents settled at Flushing and he grew to manhood there. He married Kitty Sanford, who was born in Macomb county, her parents, natives of New York state, having been early settlers in that county. Her father was a harness-maker and a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War. Both he and his wife died in Macomb county, well along in years. They were the parents of five children, Henry, Charles, John, Kitty and Lewis. Nelson Hills engaged in the produce business in Flushing and was thus engaged until his removal to Flint in 1906. For a time after moving to Flint he worked in the Buick automobile factory and

then again engaged in the produce business and was thus engaged at the time of his death in 1910, he then being fifty-two years of age. His widow continues to reside in Flint. She is a member of the Methodist church, as was her husband, and their only son was reared in that faith.

Harvey L. Hills received his education in the public schools of Flushing and upon finishing the course began clerking in a drug store there and studied pharmacy. In 1902 he was employed as a clerk in the clothing store of W. C. Lewis & Company at Flint and has ever since made his home in that city. He retained his connection with the Lewis store for about eight years, or until 1911, when he was engaged by the school board as purchasing agent for the city schools at Flint and has ever since been thus engaged, being also the purchasing agent for the Flint public library. Mr. Hills is a Republican and a member of the Masonic fraternity, affiliated with Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church.

On October 6, 1914, Harley L. Hills was united in marriage to Ethel M. Ferguson, who was born at Dryden, this state, December 20, 1882, whose parents, natives of Canada, both died when she was a child and she was reared by her aunt, Harriet Vail. Mrs. Hills has a brother, Bruce Ferguson.

.PATRICK HENRY CALLAHAN.

Patrick Henry Callahan, assistant cashier of the Industrial Savings Bank of Flint, is a native son of Flint, having been born in that city on March 13, 1876, son of Daniel and Catherine (Melvin) Callahan, natives of Ireland, the former being born in Connaught and the latter in County Mayo, who were the parents of twelve children, namely: James, deceased; Edwin, deceased; Daniel, Jr.; Cecelia, widow of Harry Gould, of Flint; William, a farmer, of Mt. Morris township, this county; John, unmarried, who also lives in Mt. Morris township; Catherine, wife of Robert Celly, also of Mt. Morris township; Patrick H., the subject of this biographical sketch; Joseph, of Flint; Mary Ellen, wife of Alfred Smith, of Detroit, and two who died in youth.

The senior Daniel Callahan was the last-born of the five children born to his parents, the others having been Patrick, Thomas, Winifred and "Beezie." When a boy he came to the United States and was located at Pen Yan, New York, until he was about twenty years of age, when he came

to Michigan and located at Flint, where he obtained employment in the Crapo lumber-mill and was there engaged for sixteen years. Not long after his arrival in Flint, Daniel Callahan married Catherine Melvin, who had come to Michigan from Ireland as a young woman and had settled in Flint. She was the eldest of a good-sized family born to her parents, the latter of whom spent all their lives in Ireland, the other children having been Celia, Dollie, Patrick, Bridget and one or two others. In 1877 Daniel Callahan bought a farm of forty acres in Mt. Morris township and moved with his family from Flint to that farm, where he spent the rest of his life. He cleared his farm and as he prospered in his farming operations bought an adjoining tract of one hundred and twenty acres and thus became the owner of a full quarter of a section of land. He died there in 1896, he then being sixty-seven years of age, and his widow survived him for about seventeen years, her death occurring on March 10, 1913, she then being seventy-eight years of age. They were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith.

Patrick H. Callahan was about one year old when his parents moved from Flint to the farm in Mt. Morris township and he grew to manhood on the home farm, a valuable assistant to his father in the work of clearing and cultivating the same. He supplemented the schooling he received in the district school in the neighborhood of his home by a short course in the business college at Flint and then went to Chicago, where he took a further course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, after which for three years he was in the employ of the Western News Company. When his father died in 1896, he returned home and made his home with his mother until her death, she having moved to Flint after her husband's death. Upon returning to Flint, Patrick H. Callahan began working in the shops there and for three years was employed in the Paterson shop and for seven years in the wagon works, after which he engaged in the retail and wholesale cigar business and was thus engaged for four years, at the end of which time he sold his establishment and went to work in the Industrial Savings Bank, with a view to learning the banking business. So closely did he apply himself to the business in hand that he was gradually promoted from one post in the bank to another until, in January, 1915, he was elected assistant cashier of the bank, which position he now occupies. Mr. Callahan is an independent Democrat and for four years served in the city council as alderman from the first ward.

On September 11, 1912, Patrick H. Callahan was united in marriage to Rose Hughes, who was born in Mt. Morris township, this county, daugh-

ter of Frank and Margaret (Daly) Hughes, both natives of that same township, members of pioneer families in that part of the county. Frank Hughes, who was a well-known farmer of Mt. Morris township, died in 1902. His widow is still living. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Callahan was the fifth in order of birth, the others being John, Charles, Julia, Mary, Herman and Raymond. Mrs. Callahan's paternal grandparents have been dead for years, but her maternal grandparents, Christopher and Julia (Redmond) Daly, are still living, now making their home in the village of Mt. Morris, Christopher Daly being upwards of ninety years of age. They had a good-sized family, their children, besides Mrs. Hughes, having been James (deceased), Frank, Lina, Mrs. McManus, Mrs. Bache and Mrs. Ellen Cashin. To Mr. and Mrs. Callahan two children have been born, Francis Patrick and Catherine Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Callahan are members of the Catholic church and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also is a member of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Callahans have a very pleasant home on Lapeer street.

CHARLES E. MUNDY.

One farmer may develop particular skill in feeding live stock; another has special success in planning and harvesting crops; still another farmer can make fruits and vegetables do exceptionally well. Charles E. Mundy, of Clayton township, Genesee county, has no specialty, but has been a successful general farmer. He was born on the farm where he now lives, in section 15, on February 22, 1866, and is a son of Thomas and Mary Jane (Darling) Mundy. The father was born in Devonshire, England, and when twelve years of age came with his parents to America, locating in Genesee county, Michigan, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch entering the land, which has since remained the family homestead. This place the elder Mundy cleared and improved, though he did not live long after coming here. His son, Thomas, grew up on this place, which he took charge of at the time of his father's death; later he purchased the place and made it his permanent home, continuing to improve it in various ways. Mary Jane Darling was born in the state of New York and, when a young girl, came to Genesee county to make her home with an uncle, and there she and Mr. Mundy met and married. To their union twelve children were born, five of whom are now living, namely: George makes his home in Flushing;

Henry died at the age of fifty years; Sarah is the wife of John H. K. Calender, of Ypsilanti; Charles E., of this sketch; Anna is the wife of Daniel Rose, of Clayton township; Juna died when seventeen years old; Chauncey died when eleven years old; Clara was killed when seventeen years old, and Raymond, who lives in Flint.

Charles E. Mundy grew up on the home place and received a common school education. He has remained on the homestead, which consists of one hundred acres, which he has kept well improved and well cultivated. He was married, on August 26, 1886, to Lula M. Barnhart, a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Elder) Barnhart, of Clayton township, where she was reared and attended school. In this union one child has been born, Charles La Verne Mundy, who is at home with his parents.

Mr. Mundy is a Democrat and was township treasurer for two consecutive terms and drain commissioner for four years. He is a member of Goodwill Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife belong to Rankin Rebekah Lodge No. 370. Mrs. Mundy has represented this lodge at the encampment and has served as noble grand of the same for several years in the past.

ARCHIE B. CHILDS.

Farmers come nearer being their own business masters than any other class of workers. It takes considerable capital these days to go into farming properly; we cannot start with nothing and succeed, as did our forefathers. But a farmer nowadays does not need so much land as he had been taught to believe he should have. Archie B. Childs, of Mundy township, Genesee county, is succeeding on a small farm, on which he was born March 19, 1880. He is a son of Henry H. and Harriet (Storms) Childs. The father was born in Genesee county, New York, and was scarcely more than a boy when he came to Genesee county, Michigan, but not long thereafter he bought eighty acres, which has since remained in the hands of the family. It was at that time wild and entirely unimproved and formerly belonged to former Governor Crapo. Mr. Childs went to work with a will, cleared and got his land ready for the plow, then married before he was twenty-four years old, and settled on the place where he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1897. His wife was a native of Genesee county, where she grew up and spent her life, dying in the spring of 1909. To these parents eleven children were born, eight of whom grew to maturity, namely:

Lydia is the wife of James Menter of Chicago; Loren M. lives in Detroit; Henry A. died on January 1, 1914; Hattie is the wife of David Stiff and lives in Fenton, Michigan; LeRoy lives in Rankin, Michigan; Archie, of this sketch; Jessie lives in Knoxville, Tennessee; Willis lives on a farm in South Dakota.

Archie B. Childs worked on the farm during the crop season when a boy and attended the district schools in the winter time. He has remained on the home farm, which now consists of sixty-five acres in section 21, Mundy township, on the Grand Blanc road. He has kept the place well improved and the buildings in good repair and is making a good livelihood as a general farmer and stock raiser on a small scale.

Mr. Childs was married to Lillie Olcott, a daughter of John and Ella (Regole) Olcott, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Childs a son, Alvin L. Childs, was born.

Politically, Mr. Childs is a Republican and he is active in local public affairs. He was road overseer for one year and he has been highway commissioner since 1912. He has also been moderator of his school district for the past four years and has filled these various offices very faithfully. Fraternally, he is a member of Mundy Lodge No. 504, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past noble grand, and is a member of the grand lodge.

EDMUND M. THOMPSON.

One of the enterprising business men of Swartz Creek, Genesee county, who is deserving of a place in this history along with other progressive and public-spirited citizens of his locality, is Edmund M. Thompson, who was born in Mundy township, this county, October 27, 1862. He is a son of David and Mary (Stearns) Thompson. The father was a native of Massachusetts, from which state he came, as a boy, with his parents to Genesee county, Michigan, the family locating in Mundy township, where he grew to manhood. The mother was fifteen years old when her parents brought her to this section of the state and she spent her youth in Genesee and Saginaw counties. After their marriage, David Thompson and wife located on a farm in section 2, Mundy township, and there spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring in the fall of 1894, having been preceded to the grave by his wife in 1880. To these parents three children were born, namely: Edmund M., of this sketch; Lyman died in Montrose township,

in 1911; and Ellen, who is the wife of Marcellus Myers, of this county. The father of these children married for his second wife Matilda Bell, and to them two children were born, namely, David and May, who live in Flint.

Edmund M. Thompson grew up on the homestead and was educated in the district schools and the Flint high school. He remained at home until his marriage, in 1883, to Belle Hodge, a daughter of Ennis Hodge, of Mundy township. Her death occurred in 1889, leaving three children, namely: Frank, who lives in Boston, Massachusetts; Martha is the wife of Francis Hall, of Flushing township; Roy lives in Mundy township. Mr. Thompson married for his second wife Bertha Moyer, of Fenton, Michigan, on November 6, 1894.

After his marriage in 1883, Mr. Thompson settled in Grand Blanc township, where he spent two years engaged in the charcoal business, then returned to Mundy township and engaged in building and contracting, his business growing to large proportions. He continued in this line of endeavor until January 1, 1905, when, in partnership with Elliott Bristol, he purchased the hardware store of the Newton Brothers in Swartz Creek and has been operating the same for the past twelve years, enjoying a large and ever-increasing trade with the surrounding country. The firm carries an extensive stock of all kinds of hardware and farming implements.

Politically, Mr. Thompson is a Republican. He was treasurer of Mundy township for two terms. He is a member of Goodwill Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and, with his wife, belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of Rebekah.

FRANK A. NILES.

Frank A. Niles was born in Argentine, Genesee county, March 27, 1876, a son of Ansel and Josephine A. (Cardinal) Niles. Ansel Niles was a native of Michigan, his wife of New York state. Ansel B. was a farmer and for many years lived in Argentine township, where he was engaged in general farming and stock raising. Later in life he removed to Duffield, Genesee county. His political affiliation was with the Democratic party. There were four children in this family: John O., a farmer in Durand; Frank A., the subject; Smith B., living in Durand, Michigan; Jennie Tunningley, living at the old home.

Frank A. Niles was educated in the district schools of Argentine township, attending the "Brick" school house in that township. He worked

on the farm at home during his school days, then went to the Stone Horological School of Watch Making, at St. Paul, Minnesota. Graduating from that institution, he went to Bismark, North Dakota, and worked at his trade with E. B. Woodward for about six years. He then came back to Flushing and opened up a jewelry store on Main street, January 10, 1912. He has since given his attention to this business.

Mr. Niles was married, December 24, 1903, to Louisa Bruce, who was born in Scotland, December 12, 1879, a daughter of George and Mary Bruce, both natives of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce came to America in the early part of 1880, settling first in Canada, later coming to Livingston county, Michigan. Here they continued to live, engaged in farming. In his native country Mr. Bruce followed the occupation of hostler.

Frank A. Niles is independent in politics, voting for the candidate whom he thinks best fitted for the office to which he aspires, regardless of his party adherence. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and past vice-chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.

WILLIAM A. ATWOOD.

William A. Atwood was born in Newfane, Niagara county, New York, April 11, 1835. His father, Asa Atwood, was born in Connecticut and his mother, Fanny Gilbs Atwood, was born in the state of New York. When about seventeen years of age, Mr. Atwood went to Lockport, the county-seat of Niagara county, where he attended school and worked as an apprentice in a jewelry store. When finished with the school there, and not caring to follow the jewelry business, he joined his brother, J. B. Atwood, in the lumber and stave business. They operated two or three small mills.

Mr. Atwood was married, in 1860, to Miss Rachel Pickard. They had two children. In 1864 and 1865 Mrs. Atwood and the children died.

In 1866 both W. A. and J. B. Atwood came to Michigan, of which they had heard much as having good openings in the lumber business. They had heard particularly of the pine along the Flint river and came at once to that city. The chances for success looked favorable and they decided to locate. An island in the Flint river, known as Moon Island, was purchased and a mill built. This mill was known as the Island mill and was operated by them under the name of J. B. Atwood & Company for about fifteen years. About the end of that period, the supply of logs in the vicin-



W. A. Atwood

ity was so reduced that they closed up the business. After this, W. A. Atwood became associated with the late Oren Stone in the Flint Woolen Mills, which was operated under the firm name of Stone, Atwood & Company; also with Charles W. Wood in the hardware business known as Wood & Atwood.

Mr. Atwood became a director of the Genesee County Savings Bank early in its history and was its vice-president for many years. In 1896 he became its president, which position he held for the remainder of his life. He was also interested in other lines of business, especially so in the Flint Gas Company, of which he was an active director for many years.

In politics, Mr. Atwood was a staunch and active supporter of the Republican party. He took a deep interest in public matters, but, for himself, never had political aspirations. He did, however, hold the offices of alderman, mayor and state senator.

In 1871 Mr. Atwood was married to Helen C. Wood, daughter of the late Henry C. Wood. They had two daughters, both of whom died in infancy, and one son, Edwin W. Atwood, of this city.

Mr. Atwood died on April 11, 1908, surviving Mrs. Atwood by only a few months.

CHARLES E. COX.

Many farmers stick to country life not from choice, but from what they believe is necessity. They think if they could live in the city that they would be happy and prosper. They are deluded, but some never find it out; others try town life for awhile and are glad to get back to the soil. Charles E. Cox, a farmer of Gaines township, Genesee county, is contented with rural life and is a successful farmer. He was born in the above named township and county, on July 20, 1884, and is a son of Henry and Mary E. (Beckwith) Cox. The father was born in Devonshire, England, from which country he removed with his parents to America when thirteen years old, the family locating in southern Michigan, near the town of Salem, but later removed to Genesee county, the parents spending the rest of their lives on a farm in Fulton township. Henry Cox received a common school education, worked with his father on the home farm when a young man, and married, in Flint, Michigan, Mary E. Beckwith, who was born and reared there. They located on a farm in Gaines township, where they continued to

reside until a short time after the birth of their son, Charles E.; they then moved to Mundy township, but in 1902 moved back to Gaines township, establishing their permanent home. The father died there and the mother still makes her home here. To these parents three children were born, namely: George is the eldest; William lives in Gaines township, and Charles E., of this sketch.

Charles E. Cox grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. He has continued to make his home with his mother and has operated the home farm in a successful manner, carrying on general farming and stock raising and keeping the place well improved. He makes a specialty of feeding sheep. The farm contains one hundred and sixty acres.

Politically, Mr. Cox is a Republican and is active in local party affairs. He served as treasurer of Gaines township in 1912 and 1913 and has been supervisor of this township since 1914, holding the office at this writing. He has discharged the duties of these offices in a faithful and highly satisfactory manner.

Fraternally, Mr. Cox belongs to the Gaines Gleaners and to Swartz Creek Lodge No. 458, Free and Accepted Masons. He attends the Swartz Creek Methodist Episcopal church, of which his mother is a member. He is unmarried.

WILLIAM H. GOLDSTINE.

William H. Goldstine, superintendent of one of the factories of the Buick Motor Company at Flint, was born in Waterbury, New Haven, Connecticut, June 12, 1863, a son of Frederick and Sophia (Hildebrand) Goldstine natives of the province of Westphalia, Prussia. There they spent their earlier years and there the father learned the trade of brass maker, after leaving school. He came to America in 1859 and spent one year in Waterbury, Connecticut, then moved to Ansonia, that state, where he continued to follow his trade, and died there at the age of seventy-six years, his widow surviving him some time, dying at the age of seventy-eight. He belonged to the state militia or home guard in Connecticut during the Civil War. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. They were parents of six children, namely: Minnie, who married Carl Schmuek and lives in Ansonia, Connecticut; Alvina Emma Sarah, who has remained single and also lives in Ansonia; William H., the subject of this sketch; Dr. Frederick

C., who is a practicing physician in Ansonia, Connecticut; Isabel, who died at the age of fourteen years, and Carl, who lives in Superior, Wisconsin. The paternal grandparents of these children, Frederick Goldstine and wife, lived and died in Germany. Their family consisted of three daughters and one son, Frederick, Jr. The maternal grandparents also lived and died in Germany.

William H. Goldstine was reared in Ansonia, Connecticut, where he received his education, graduating from the grammar schools, after which he learned the iron-molder's trade and also that of brass worker, at which he became quite expert and which he has since followed. He was in charge of the Birmingham Iron Foundry at Derby, Connecticut, for three years; then was in charge of the Norwalk Brass Company's plant at Norwalk, Connecticut, for five years, after which he came to Michigan and secured employment at Flint with the Buick Motor Car Company, in April, 1908, and there he has since remained, being superintendent of factory No. 15, directing over three hundred men.

Mr. Goldstine was married on July 6, 1890, to Susan A. Dorphlaser, a daughter of Paul Dorphlaser and wife. She was born in Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1865, and died some years ago. To Mr. Goldstine's first marriage two children were born, Harry T. and William F. The former, who is assistant superintendent under his father, married Emma Ludwig. The latter is a metal pattern-maker. On June 3, 1914, Mr. Goldstine married for his second wife, Bertha Blackmer, a daughter of Robert M. and Hannah Elizabeth (Smith) Blackmer. She was born in Vassar, Tuscola county, Michigan, August 16, 1884. Her father was a native of New York state and her mother of Pennsylvania. They came west when young, were married in Minnesota and then moved to Saginaw, Michigan, later taking up their residence in Vassar, where Mr. Blackmer died in 1897 at the age of seventy-six years. The widow survives and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Goldstine. To Mr. and Mrs. Blackmer five children were born, namely: Ida, Sarah, George, Minnie and Bertha. The father had been previously married, his first wife being Harriet White, who bore him two children, Cora and Leonard.

Mr. Goldstine has always voted the Republican ticket. Fraternally, he belongs to St. John's Lodge No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons of Ansonia, Connecticut, and to Washington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Norwalk, that state; also to Nagatuck Lodge No. 63, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Encampment. He is a member of the Episcopal church, while his wife affiliates with the Methodist church.

AUGUSTUS C. KENDRICK.

Augustus C. Kendrick, a veteran merchant of Flint, for many years actively connected with the general produce business in that city and long regarded as one of the leading business men of the town, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life and in the city of Flint, since 1876. He was born on a pioneer farm in Dryden township, Lapeer county, July 11, 1842, son of the Hon. Lucius and Eliza (Look) Kendrick, natives of the state of New York, prominent residents of the Dryden neighborhood, whose last days were spent there.

Lucius Kendrick was born in the town of Darien, Wyoming county, New York, son of Sanford and Diadama (Bannister) Kendrick, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Vermont, who came to the Territory of Michigan in 1836 with their children and settled in Lapeer county, the family "taking up" about a thousand acres of "Congress land" in the Dryden neighborhood and early becoming leaders in the common life of that pioneer community. There Sanford Kendrick and his wife spent their last days, useful and influential residents, and were buried in the Dryden cemetery. They were the parents of six children, Sophronia, Fidelia, Lucius, Albert, Lyman and Jeanette. Lucius Kendrick was about sixteen years old when he came to Michigan with his parents in 1836 and he grew to manhood on the pioneer farm in Lapeer county, presently becoming the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He had received excellent schooling before coming here and not long after settling in Michigan began teaching school and taught fourteen terms in his home county. He married Eliza Look, who was born in the town of Elery, in Chautauqua county, New York, daughter of Elijah and Augusta (Pixley) Look, natives of the state of Massachusetts, who also were early settlers in Dryden township, Lapeer county, this state, where they spent their last days and who were the parents of five children, Jane, Eliza, Ashur, William and Amer. Lucius Kendrick was a Republican and for years was regarded as one of the leaders of that party in that part of the state, serving as a member of the lower house of the Michigan General Assembly from the Lapeer district in the sessions of 1867 and 1869. He was a member of the Methodist church and his wife was a Presbyterian, both taking an active and influential part in local church work. He died at the age of sixty-five years and his wife died in 1875, she then being about sixty-three years of age. To them six sons were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eldest, the

others being as follow: James, who lost his life in the explosion of the ill-fated "Sultana," on the Mississippi river during the Civil War; Judge William Russell Kendrick, of East Saginaw, a graduate of the Michigan State University, former circuit judge and for years a member of the Michigan state parole board; Edwin, deceased; Frederick, of Imlay City, this state, and Dr. Fayette D. Kendrick, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Augustus C. Kendrick was reared on the paternal farm in Lapeer county, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and in the high school at Lapeer and assisting his father in the work of developing and improving the home place. As a young man he went "on the road," soliciting orders for nursery stock and was thus engaged for ten or twelve years, becoming one of the best-known commercial travelers in this part of the state. Two or three years later, in 1876, about two years after his marriage, he moved to Flint, where he ever since has made his home. Mr. Kendrick continued "on the road" until about 1885, in which year he formed a partnership with Horace Leadbetter, under the firm name of Kendrick & Leadbetter, and engaged in the general produce business at Flint. This partnership continued for about six years, since which time Mr. Kendrick has continued the business alone, thus being one of the veteran merchants of Flint, as he certainly is one of the best known. He has done well in business and is regarded as one of Flint's most substantial citizens. Mr. Smith is a Republican and served for two years as alderman from the sixth ward some years ago. He is an ardent advocate of the temperance cause and has been active and influential in the anti-saloon movement. Though not a communicant, he has been an attendant on the services of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church for more than forty years and is an active worker in that church and a member of the Bible class, of which he was president for some time. Mr. Smith was made a Mason many years ago at Monroe, this state, and upon moving to Flint dimitted to Genesee Lodge No. 174, Free and Accepted Masons, at Flint, of which lodge he ever since has been a member. He also is a member of Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, and of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar.

Mr. Kendrick has been twice married. On March 4, 1874, he was united in marriage to Cornelia E. Hill, who was born in New Berlin, Chemango county, New York, August 7, 1846, daughter of ——— and Melvina (Phelps) Hill, natives of that same state, who were the parents of seven children, Cornelia, Addison, Archibald, Lavonia, Bertha, Arlina and Augusta. To that union three children were born, Carl A., who married Ethel Kneister

and is now engaged in the automobile business at Detroit; Viva, who died at the age of two years, and Lillian G., who married Ernest Carey, of Flint. The mother of these children died on January 24, 1893, and on October 21 of that same year Mr. Kendrick married Effie A. Groves, who was born at Addison, Oakland county, this state, July 29, 1854, daughter of Archibald and Martha (Schanck) Groves, natives of the state of New York, the former born in Jefferson county and the latter in Monroe county. Mr. and Mrs. Groves became early settlers in Macomb county, this state, later moving to Oakland county and thence to Genesee county, settling on a farm in Davison township, where both spent their last days, Archibald Groves dying in 1903, at the age of seventy-seven, and his widow, March 25, 1913, she then being past eighty-one years of age. Archibald Groves was a son of Jacob and Eliza (Anderson) Groves, the former a native of England and the latter of Orange county, New York, and his wife was a daughter of David and Ellen (Sutphen) Schanck, natives of New Jersey, of Dutch descent. The Schancks are an old family in America, the first of that name in this country having come over from Holland more than four hundred years ago.

GEORGE W. HACKNEY.

Every human being either submits to the controlling influence of others or wields an influence which touches, controls, guides or misdirects others. If he be honest and successful in his chosen field of endeavor, investigation will brighten his fame and point the way along which others may follow with like success. George W. Hackney, who for the past eleven years has been principal of the Gaines school, Genesee county, is a man who not only tries to do his work well, but also endeavors to encourage the youth to aspire to lives of usefulness and honor; therefore he is accomplishing much good in his chosen field of endeavor.

Mr. Hackney was born in East Retford, Nottinghamshire, England, on December 30, 1875, and is a son of George and Emma (Paulson) Hackney. The father devoted his life to railroad service.

George W. Hackney, when thirteen years of age, began working in the Sheffield-Rotheram Iron and Steel Works, where he spent thirteen months, then worked as a coal miner in Burnley colliery for thirteen months. In 1891 he accompanied his parents to the United States, the family locating in Genesee county, Michigan. The subject of this sketch found work as a

farm hand near Mt. Morris, continuing as such until 1898, during which period he attended the district schools in the winter time. In 1898 and 1899 he took a business course in Valparaiso College, Valparaiso, Indiana, after which he taught in the Caldwell district school, then in the Flushing school, being in charge of the grammar department for two years and was principal one year. In 1905 he came to Gaines as superintendent of the school, which position he has since filled in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of patrons and pupils. He has greatly strengthened the local schools, introducing many advanced and approved methods and carrying the work forward under a superb system. During this period he spent one year as superintendent of the school at Vernon. He has frequently attended the Big Rapids Normal School and has kept fully abreast of the times in his chosen vocation.

Mr. Hackney was married, on November 15, 1899, to Eliza Mae Pailthorp, a daughter of William and Ellen Pailthorp and of English descent. To this union one child has been born, Leone P. Hackney, who is now attending school at Gaines. Politically, Mr. Hackney is a Democrat. He is a member of Flushing Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

CLAUDE M. STODDARD.

Claude M. Stoddard, a prominent merchant of Ritchfield Center, was born where his store now stands, on June 6, 1875, being the son of F. E. and Alma (Smith) Stoddard. (For early history of the Stoddard family, the reader is referred to the sketch of F. E. Stoddard on another page of this work.) F. E. Stoddard and wife were the parents of the following children: Pearl T., who conducts a grocery store at No. 923 Liberty street, Flint; Maud, who is a resident of Flint, and Claud M.

Claude M. Stoddard received his education in the district schools of Davison township and at the Flint Normal School. After completing his education, he engaged in teaching for several years, serving in the schools of Davison and Benton townships. After his few years of experience in teaching, he decided to engage in business. His desire being toward the mercantile business, he purchased and reopened the George Porter store. This store had been conducted by Mr. Porter for eight or ten years, but had originally been established by F. E. Stoddard. The store purchased at that time by Claude M. Stoddard has grown to be one of importance.

Here Mr. Stoddard has continued for the past twenty years in a successful and growing business, under the name of C. M. Stoddard and carries a complete and up-to-date line of general merchandise.

On June 6, 1907, Claude M. Stoddard was united in marriage to Agnes Good, the daughter of E. F. Good and wife, of Ritchfield township. To this union have been born the following children: Aubrey Claude, Myrtle M., Maynard Good and Geraldine Agnes. Aubrey and Myrtle are attending school, while Maynard and Geraldine are at home.

Fraternally, Mr. Stoddard is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Gleaners. Politically, he is a Republican and takes an active interest in all local affairs. Besides being an active business man, Mr. Stoddard is interested in all that tends to the improvement and advancement of the community in which he lives, being active in all social and civic activities.

THOMAS MEARS.

Thomas Mears, a well-to-do farmer of Flushing township, was born in Devonshire, England, on May 19, 1854, being the son of George and Edith (Hooper) Mears. George Mears was born in England on February 14, 1822, came to the United States in 1876 and located on the farm where Thomas Mears is now living. He later purchased forty acres in section 10, where he lived for ten years before locating on a farm in section 8, where the wife and mother died on May 22, 1894. George Mears survived his wife until February 21, 1904.

George Mears was united in marriage to Edith Hooper, who was born in England on September 19, 1831. To this union were born two children, William and Thomas. William was born in England on January 21, 1851, and came to the United States in 1882, settling in section 8, Flushing township, where he resided for a time. Before locating on his present farm, near Byron, Michigan, he had lived in section 17, Flushing township, and for a short time on a farm near Juddville.

John and Ann (Penny) Mears, the paternal grandparents of Thomas Mears, were natives of England and were the parents of five children, John, George, James, Dina and William. James, on leaving England, lived for a time in Canada. In 1860 he came to Flushing township and purchased the farm on which Thomas Mears is now living. He cleared and improved the place and made this his home until his death, on October 13, 1903. James



THOMAS MEARNS AND FAMILY.

Mears married Mary Rice, a native of England, born on August 14, 1829. She died at her home in Flushing township on October 9, 1903.

Thomas Mears came to the United States with his father on April 18, 1876, and located on the farm of his Uncle James, with whom he remained for nine years. At this time Mr. Mears returned to England to claim his bride, Martha Sanders, who had been waiting for him all these years. Soon after the marriage on September 16, 1885, Mr. Mears returned to America with his bride and came to the farm of his uncle, where he made his home for nine years. They then moved to the home of Mr. Mears' parents, where they remained and cared for the old people until their death. They then returned to the uncle's farm, where they have since resided. On the death of the father and uncle, Thomas Mears came into possession of both the farms and now has one hundred and twenty acres of well improved land. Here he is engaged in general farming and the raising of cattle and sheep.

To Thomas and Martha (Sanders) Mears were born two children, Bert and one that died in infancy. Bert J. was born on December 18, 1892, and is now living on the farm with his father. He is much interested in the raising of blooded sheep, with which he has had much success. He is secretary of Brent Creek Arbor No. 74, of the Gleaners, and is a teacher in the Methodist Protestant Sunday school. He was married on July 5, 1915, to Edna Broughton, who was born in Isabelle county on June 13, 1896.

Politically, Thomas Mears is an independent voter and in 1902 was elected highway commissioner on the independent ticket and served for four years. He is chaplain of the Gleaners and a trustee and was superintendent of the Sunday school of the Methodist Protestant church for about eighteen years.

GEORGE JUDSON.

Genesee county has been a good enough place for George Judson to spend his life in, for the wanderlust spirit, which took so many of his early companions to the cities and to other states, was never able to lure him away. Probably he has been wiser by staying in his own locality, where he is familiar with the conditions of farming, customs, climate and other things which one must observe to be happy and successful.

Mr. Judson, who is the present postmaster at Gaines and who owns a good farm in Argentine township, was born in Gaines township, July 13,

1862, and is a son of David and Marion (Fletcher) Judson. The father was born in Oakland county, Michigan, March 29, 1834, and was a son of George Judson, who came as a pioneer settler to Genesee county, locating in what is now Mundy township, clearing the first land in that township. He became an influential man in this locality and for many years was post-master, miller, merchant and a well-known Indian trader. He learned the language of the Indians in this part of the state and could talk it fluently. Marion Fletcher was a daughter of Ephraim Fletcher, who was one of the earliest pioneers of Gaines township, having located in the wilderness here in the early thirties, taken up land from the government in sections 14 and 15, which place is now owned by his grandson, Ephraim Judson, his namesake. After his marriage David Judson settled on his farm in Saginaw county, Michigan, but later sold out and came to Gaines township, Genesee county, locating on the place where George Judson was born. There the family resided until 1864, when they moved to Argentine township, where David Judson spent the rest of his life, dying in 1894. His widow survives, being now advanced in years, and makes her home in Linden. To these parents five children were born, three of whom are living at this writing, namely: George, of this sketch; Ephraim is operating the elevator at Gaines village; Fred is also engaged in the elevator business at Gaines, in partnership with his brother.

George Judson was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools and the Flint high school. He began life for himself as a teacher in the district schools of Argentine township, where he taught for seven years. On April 9, 1884, he married Genevieve Dodder, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Mann) Dodder. She was born, reared and educated in Argentine township. To this union eight children have been born, all of whom are living.

After his marriage, Mr. Judson located on a farm of eighty acres in Argentine township, where he lived until he purchased his present farm, in 1902. The place consists of two hundred acres of land, which is productive and well improved, and he has been successful as a general farmer and stock raiser.

Mr. Judson is a Democrat and one of the local leaders of his party. He served as supervisor of Argentine township for five years and was chairman of the county board at the time the present court house was built. He is one of the prominent Masons in this part of the state, being a member of Linden Lodge No. 132, Free and Accepted Masons; Genesee Chapter No. 29, Royal Arch Masons, at Fenton; the council of Royal and Select

Masters at Fenton; Fenton Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar, at Fenton. He was master at the time the Masonic lodge home was built in Linden, continuing in this office three years. He is one of the influential and public-spirited men of his community.

ELMER G. WHEELER.

Farming has been considered a game of chance too long and the uncertainties of the elements have been overcome to such an extent by intelligent study and use of fertilizers, irrigation and drainage, and intensive cultivation, that, day by day, agriculture is becoming more and more an exact science. One of the successful farmers of Ritchfield township, Genesee county, is Elmer G. Wheeler, who was born in Oakland county, Michigan, October 5, 1859. He is a son of James P. and Mary Ann (Carter) Wheeler. The father was born on a farm in the state of New York, where he remained until twenty-one years old. His father was killed when he was nine years old, James P. Wheeler being the only child. He came with his mother to Oakland county, Michigan, where he bought a farm of two hundred acres, in Springfield township, which place he cleared and developed into a good farm. Mary Ann Carter was born in Cayuga county, New York, and when about eighteen years old she came with her parents to Springfield township, Oakland county, Michigan, where she and James P. Wheeler met and were married. They continued to live on his farm there until 1866, when he traded his place for a hotel in Ritchfield, on the Irish road, among the lumber camps, and ran the same for a period of twenty-two years; then he sold out and came to make his home with his son, Elmer G., of this sketch. His death occurred April 22, 1907, his wife having preceded him to the grave August 8, 1896. They were parents of five children, three of whom survive, namely: Two died in early life; Joseph lives in Flint; Jane is the wife of Newman Wilson, of Corona, Michigan, and Elmer G., of this sketch.

The subject of this review lived at home until reaching maturity and received a common school education. On April 6, 1880, he married Nona A. Alexander, a daughter of Benjamin and Esther Alexander, early settlers of Genesee county who moved here from the state of New York. They settled on a farm of seventy-nine acres in Ritchfield township, which is now owned by the subject of this sketch. Mr. Alexander lived on this place until

1908, when he moved to Ritchfield Center. The death of Mrs. Wheeler occurred in September, 1906, leaving five children, all still living, namely: Clifton O. lives in Flint; Mabel is the wife of Harry Toub, of Kansas City, Missouri; Edith is the wife of James Matthews, of Flint; Vivian married Harry Kennedy, of Otter Lake, Michigan; Ruth, a graduate of Flint high school, is now teaching in Flint township. On November 26, 1908, Mr. Wheeler married for his second wife Lestie Beck, a native of Huron county, Michigan.

Mr. Wheeler owns in all one hundred and forty-four acres and is a successful general farmer. He also owns property in Flint. Politically, he is a Republican. He was formerly a member of the township board and was a justice of the peace for about seven years; township treasurer for two years; township supervisor eleven years, and then was elected representative to the Legislature, in which he served two terms, under the Warner and Osborne administrations. He served in all these capacities with fidelity and ability and to the eminent satisfaction of his constituents. Fraternaly, he belongs to Vernon Lodge No. 400, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Davison, the Richfield Gleaners and is a charter member of South Forest Arbor, now the Rogerville Arbor.

HENRY G. NIMPHIE.

One of Genesee county's prosperous farmers is Henry G. Nimphie, of Gaines township. He is contented to be a tiller of the soil, knowing that it is in many ways the best life of all, consequently the busy city has few allurements for him. He was born near Hamburg, Germany, July 26, 1856, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Lanshow) Nimphie, also natives of Germany. The father served his required time in the German army, later devoting his active life to farming until 1861, when he brought his family to America, locating in Oakland county, Michigan, where he continued farm work. In 1863 he enlisted for service in the Union army, in the Twenty-second Michigan Volunteer Infantry, serving faithfully and well until the close of the war, then returned to his family in Oakland county. In December, 1865, he moved to Clayton township, Genesee county, and bought eighty acres, where John Nimphie now lives, and there he continued to reside until his death. His wife also is deceased. Mr. Nimphie came to this county without means, but, through his own efforts, became well fixed, owning a

good farm of one hundred and twenty acres. His family consisted of three children, namely: Mary, the wife of Michael Neier, of Byron, Michigan; John, who lives on the homestead, and Henry G., of this sketch.

Henry G. Nimphie was five years old when his parents brought him to America. He grew up on the home farm and he received his education in the district schools, remaining at home until he was twenty-four years of age. He has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising and is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and two acres in Gaines township, Genesee county, where he moved in 1915. After his marriage he lived on an eighty-acre farm in Gaines township, but sold out in 1915.

Mr. Nimphie was married, on May 8, 1880, to Ella Wendt, a daughter of John and Fredericka Wendt. His family consists of seven children, namely: Walter lives in Owosso, Michigan; Ralph died when thirteen years of age; Clarence lives in Lansing, this state; Harlow is assisting with the work on the home farm; H. G. is also at home; Clara and Clinton are at home.

Mr. Nimphie is a member of the Lennon Arbor Gleaners, also of Lennon Lodge No. 537, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been treasurer of this lodge for the past seven years. Politically, he is a Republican. He has been highway commissioner of his township for three years, has also been a member of the board of review for a number of years, and for the past two years has been on the township board as a justice of Gaines township. He has been treasurer of school district No. 10 of Gaines township for the past eighteen years. In all these positions he has discharged his duties faithfully, ably and acceptably and is one of the most influential men in his township.

FRED G. BURLESON.

Fred G. Burleson, well-known farmer and stockman of this county, owner of a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres in Clayton township, with a pleasant home on the Lennon road in section 20 of that township, field man for the Owosso Sugar Company and otherwise interested in the general development of his home community, is a native son of Michigan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Allegan county on August 8, 1872, and is a son of George and Mary (Carmichael) Burleson, the former a native of this state and the latter of Canada, who became prominent residents of Clayton township, this county.

George Burleson was born in Macomb county, this state, son of William Burleson and wife, and, when a young man, went to Canada, where he married Mary Carmichael. Later he returned to Michigan, settling in Allegan county, where he bought a small farm and where he lived for five years. At the end of that time he sold his holdings there and moved to Muskegon county, buying there a quarter of a section of land, on which he lived until 1874, when he came to Genesee county with his family and settled in Clayton township, where he became the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, the farm on which his son, the subject of this sketch, now lives. In his old age George Burleson retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Flint, but was straightway taken ill and died there two weeks after his removal to the town. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follows: Emma, who married Joseph Braden and now lives in Detroit; Albert, of Perry, this state; Katie, deceased, and Violet, who married Christie Henning and now lives in Detroit.

Fred G. Burleson was reared on the farm and received his schooling in the district schools, remaining at home until after his marriage in the fall of 1889. In 1891 he and his wife went to Perry and in that vicinity he bought a forty-acre farm and there made his home until 1893, when he returned to Clayton township, where he bought an eighty-acre farm. He lived there until 1900, when he went to the neighboring village of Lennon and there was engaged in the business of selling agricultural implements for about eighteen months, at the end of which time he returned to the farm, but two years later went to Swartz Creek, where he bought the hotel and conducted the same for two years. He then moved to Flint, but eight months later returned to the home place, which he bought and on which he has made his home ever since, having sold his former farm. During all this time Mr. Burleson has been quite extensively engaged in dealing in farm lands in this and neighboring counties and has done very well in that line, in addition to his successful work as a farmer and stock raiser. He also for some time past has been acting as local field man for the Owosso Sugar Company and in that capacity has done much to promote the cause of sugar-beet culture hereabout. Mr. Burleson is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office. On October 31, 1889, Fred G. Burleson was united in marriage to May White, who was born in the neighboring county of Oakland, daughter of Harry White and wife, both now deceased. To this union two children have been born, Katie, who married Oscar Diehl, a

chemist in the service of the Dow Chemical Company, and Gladys, who died when one year old. Mr. Burleson is a member of the Order of the Loyal Guard, being captain general of the lodge of that order at Lennon, and is a member of the Elks lodge at Flint.

EUGENE H. ALEXANDER.

One of the well-known and respected citizens of Forest township, Genesee county, is Eugene H. Alexander, the present postmaster at Otisville, who has spent his life in this locality. His birth occurred in Genesee township, September 6, 1857, and he is a son of R. B. and Wealthy A. (Brown) Alexander. The father was born, September 5, 1818, in Glasgow, Scotland, and when about three years old his parents brought him to Orleans county, New York. His father, Hugh Alexander, who was a carpenter and joiner by trade, spent the rest of his life in New York, where R. B. grew to manhood and, after his marriage, settled at Orchard Creek, Orleans county, where his wife, Wealthy Brown, was born on October 18, 1818. Her parents came from Scotland. After living on their farm five years, R. B. Alexander and wife sold out and moved to Genesee county, Michigan, locating in Genesee township, where they bought eighty acres. The country was a wilderness and there was but one store in Flint. He cleared his land and lived there about eleven years, then sold part of the place, which was still covered with pine, and bought the hotel at Wheelers Corners in Genesee township. A year later he located in Otisville, where they lived three years, then bought two hundred and fifty acres west of the village, on which they lived five years; then they moved to Flint, residing there for eighteen months, owning twenty acres at that time. Their next move was to Vassar, where he handled agricultural implements for about four years, also handling produce and grain later. He built the first elevator there, then moved to Otisville and bought seventy-two acres near there, on which he died, January 1, 1890. His widow continued to reside there about five years after his death, then sold out and lived with her daughter in Otisville, dying in 1897. They were parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom three are now living, namely: R. B., Jr., of Otisville; Selina is the wife of Frank Lossingin, of Orange township, Lapeer county, Michigan, and Eugene H., of this sketch.

The subject of this review received a common school education. When

a young man he started to learn the drug business and spent three years with E. S. Swayzee, druggist at Otisville. In 1884, he was appointed postmaster, under Cleveland's administration. In 1889 he entered the employ of the Pere Marquette railroad, as agent at Silverwood and was there one year, then came to Otisville and has been agent here ever since. He was again appointed postmaster in 1892, serving until 1896, and in 1914 was appointed a third time and is still discharging the duties of this office in a manner highly acceptable to the people and the department. He owns an eighty-acre farm in Forest township.

Mr. Alexander was married, on November 26, 1885, to Marie Murry, a daughter of Patrick and Ellen (Murry) Murry, both of whom were born in Ireland. They came to America when young, and met and were married in New York city, where he worked as a teamster until moving to Ohio, then to Genesee county, Michigan. To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander one daughter has been born, Eula G., who is telegraph operator in Pontiac, Michigan.

Politically, Mr. Alexander is a Democrat and has long taken an active part in party affairs. He has been chairman of the Democratic county committee for many years, also has served as village clerk and village assessor several times. He is a member of the Maccabees.

GEORGE LESTER SIMMONS.

George Lester Simmons, general superintendent of the manufacturing plant of the Dort Motor Car Company at Flint, is a native of the dominion of Canada, but has been a resident of the United States since early manhood and of Flint since he was twenty-four years of age. He was born on a farm in Camden township, Lenox county, Ontario, February 7, 1868, son of Miles and Anna (Craig) Simmons, both natives of Canada. Miles spent his last days on their farm there, his wife coming to Flint in 1899, where she died.

Miles Simmons was a farmer in Lenox and Addington counties, Ontario, where he owned a productive farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres. He was a son of Philip and Lucetta (Ben) Simmons, also natives of Canada, well-to-do farming people, the former of whom died at the age of sixty-six years and the latter, at the age of fifty-two. They were the parents of four children, Lavina, Miles, John and Elizabeth. Miles Simmons married Anna Craig, daughter of Robert Craig and wife, natives of Ireland, who

had emigrated to Canada and established their home on a farm in the neighborhood of the Simmons home. Robert Craig and wife were the parents of eight children, Ellen, Anna, Henry, John, Andrew, Elizabeth, Sarah and Robert. Miles Simmons died at the age of forty-five years and his widow survived him until 1902, she being fifty-five years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the Methodist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were four of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Delia, wife of William McMullen, of Los Angeles, California; Everton, of Detroit, this state, and Pearl, wife of George Bradford, of Los Angeles.

George L. Simmons was reared on the paternal farm in Ontario, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, and when a young man went to Watertown, New York, where he learned the painter's trade. After working there a few years, he went to Syracuse, same state, where he worked until 1892, in which year he came to Michigan, locating at Flint, where he entered the employ of the Durant-Dort Carriage Company as a painter. In 1896 he was given charge of the paint department of the Diamond Buggy Company at Flint and in 1900 was promoted to the position of superintendent of that company's extensive plant, which position he occupied until his appointment, in 1915, as general superintendent of the Dort Motor Car Company, which responsible and important position he now occupies. Mr. Simmons is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Masons, the Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America at Flint. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar and is also a member of the council, Royal and Select Masters, taking a warm interest in Masonic affairs at Flint.

On October 2, 1901, at Flint, George L. Simmons was united in marriage to Alice Mary Green, who was born in that city on September 21, 1876, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Winkley) Green, natives of England, who had come to this country with their respective parents many years ago, both families locating in Flint. Christopher Green was the son of George and Jane (Marchant) Green, natives of England, whose last days were spent in Flint, the former dying at the age of forty-nine and the latter, at the age of sixty-five. They were the parents of seven children, Anna, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth, Christopher and two who died young. Christopher Green died in 1906, at the age of sixty-three years. His widow still survives and makes her home in Flint. She has been a member of the church for fifty-six years. They had two children, Mrs. Simmons having a brother,

George C. Green. Mrs. Green is the last-born of the five children born to her parents, William and Elizabeth (Holland) Winkley, natives of England and early settlers in Flint, whose last days were spent in that city, their other children being, Henry, Sarah, Mary and Alice. To Mr. and Mrs. Simmons two children have been born, Ralph Lester, who died at the age of ten years, and Ruth Allison. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Simmons is a member of the board of stewards of the same. The Simmonses have a very pleasant home at No. 416 West Second street.

W. J. BROWN.

One of the farmers of Thetford township, Genesee county, who has evidently put greater stress on industry and vigilance than on the vicissitudes of luck, is W. J. Brown, who has been content to spend his life in his native community, which he has helped to develop into what it is today—a prosperous and desirable farming locality. He was born on the farm he now owns, on August 28, 1870, and is a son of Charles and Georgiana (Woodman) Brown. The father was born in Yorkshire, England, and when fourteen years old came with his parents to the United States, the family locating in Niagara county, New York, where Charles Brown grew to manhood. His father, William Brown, finally brought his family to Thetford township, Genesee county, Michigan, where he located on a farm and spent the rest of his life. The parents of the subject of this sketch met and married in Niagara county, New York. Georgiana Woodman was of English descent and her parents probably came to America direct from England. Shortly after their marriage, Charles Brown and wife came to Genesee county, Michigan, buying eighty acres in Thetford township. It was wooded and he cleared and developed a farm here through his industry and here spent the rest of his life, being highly respected by his neighbors and acquaintances, for he was in every respect a good citizen. His wife died in 1876; he outlived her nearly thirty years, his death occurring on July 6, 1905. To Charles Brown and wife six children were born, namely: Annie is the wife of George Gaskill, of Richfield township; Frances is the wife of Ed Wooljut, of Mt. Morris township; W. J., of this sketch; Esther is the wife of Charles Taylor, of Clio, Michigan.

W. J. Brown grew up on the home farm and attended the district

schools. He started out in life for himself by renting a place two years. He now owns part of the homestead, forty acres, known as the "Maple Ridge Farm", which he keeps well improved and highly cultivated.

Mr. Brown was married on September 23, 1908, to Dora Stafford, a daughter of Erwin and Mina Stafford. Mrs. Brown was born in Montrose township, Genesee county, where she grew up and attended school. Her parents were early settlers there, her father clearing and developing the home farm. Politically, Mr. Brown is a Democrat.

L. E. PHIPPS.

L. E. Phipps, of Otisville, Forest township, Genesee county, with thrift and foresight characteristic of those of English extraction wherever they are found, has by his own efforts become one of the best tillers of the soil in his locality. He was born in Groveland, Oakland county, Michigan, October 19, 1863, and is a son of Thomas and Esther (Robbins) Phipps. The father was born in London, England, and when twelve years old came with his parents to America. The family located at Groveland, Oakland county, Michigan, taking up eighty acres near there, on which the parents resided many years, finally moving to Holly, this state, where they died. Thomas Phipps spent his young manhood at Groveland and there met and married Esther Robbins, a native of New York, who came as a girl with her parents to Oakland county, Michigan, locating two and one-half miles from Pontiac, and there she grew up on the farm. After his marriage Thomas Phipps entered eighty acres from the government, on which he built a log house, later clearing his land and planting various crops, and there he spent the rest of his life. He was active in Democratic politics and held a number of minor offices.

L. E. Phipps grew up on the home farm and received a common school education, remaining at home until he was twenty-two years old. He was then married to Ida Seeley, a daughter of Norris and Betsey (Sundell) Seeley, after which he worked Mr. Seeley's farm for two years, then moved to Otisville, where he engaged in the livery, hay and produce business for sixteen years. In the meantime he had purchased his present farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Forest township, near Otisville, but lived there only one year. Since 1910 he has resided in Otisville. His wife died, leaving one son, Zorra L. Phipps, who lives on his father's farm. For his

second wife, L. E. Phipps married May Tibbles, a daughter of Henry and Sarah Tibbles.

Politically, Mr. Phipps is a Republican. He has served as village president of Otisville for about fifteen years at different times in the past, and has done much for the general upbuilding of the town. Fraternally, he belongs to Otisville Lodge No. 401, Free and Accepted Masons; the Modern Woodmen of America there, and of the Forest Arbor of Gleaners and the Order of the Eastern Star at Otisville. His wife also belongs to the two last named orders.

ALBERT E. RANSOM.

Albert E. Ransom, one of the prominent and influential citizens of Genesee county, was born in Flushing township on April 23, 1858, being the son of Robert C. and Angeline (Smith) Ransom. Robert C. Ransom was born in the state of New York in June, 1831. When but a lad, he came to Genesee county with his parents, who settled on a farm two miles east of the village of Flushing. It was here that he lived until he was married, after which he bought a farm west of Flushing, where he lived until his death.

Angeline Smith Ransom was born in the state of New York in 1825, her birthplace being at Hamilton, Madison county. She lived the greater part of her life in Genesee county, where she was married and reared her family. She and Robert C. Ransom were the parents of the following children: Ransler B., deceased; William R., Simon M., Marvin P., Albert E., John P., and one that died in infancy. Angeline Ransom died in 1901.

Benjamin and Hannah (Persons) Ransom, the parents of Robert C., were early settlers of Genesee county, having settled in Flushing township in 1836. Their home was on a farm east of Flushing and it was there that two of Robert's younger brothers were born. Benjamin and Hannah Ransom were the parents of five children; Robert, Hiram, Randolph, Marvin and Deborah. Randolph served in the Civil War and was captain of Company H, Sixteenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

Albert E. Ransom grew to manhood on the home farm and was educated in the district schools of the township and at the Flushing high school. Having completed his education, he was a teacher for some years and taught in various parts of the county. In 1882 he purchased the *Flushing Observer*, which, under his able management, has grown in cir-

culation and has exerted a broad influence. In 1891, Mr. Ransom laid aside his editorial duties and became county commissioner of schools, which position he held for six years, after which he returned to his newspaper. As county superintendent he was a decided success and the schools were raised to a high standard.

In 1880 Albert E. Ransom was united in marriage to Elizabeth Grimmell, the daughter of William and Jane Grimmell, of Genesee county. To this union one daughter, Agnes, was born. Jane Ransom was born in 1858 and died in 1909.

Albert E. Ransom has lived a busy and useful life. His efforts have ever been for the betterment uplifting of the people of the community in which he has lived. As teacher, school commissioner, editor and director in the People's State Bank, his opportunity has been great and he has used his energies to advantage. Politically, Mr. Ransom is a Republican and has served his town in every official capacity. Fraternally, he is a Free and Accepted Mason, having attained the Knight Templar degree.

HUGH W. GRAHAM, M. D.

Dr. Hugh W. Graham, president of the village of Mt. Morris, for many years one of the best-known physicians in Genesee county, the owner of extensive elevator and farming interests in and about Mt. Morris and otherwise actively identified with the development of the northern part of the county, is a native of the dominion of Canada, but has been a resident of Michigan since he was six years of age and of Mt. Morris ever since entering upon the practice of his profession in the summer of 1892. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of the city of Toronto, March 29, 1868, son of Hugh and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Graham, both natives of Canada, who came to Michigan in 1874, settling in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant, in Isabella county, where the latter spent her last days and where the former is still living.

Hugh Graham was born on a farm near Brampton, Ontario, March 15, 1844, son of Hugh and Catherine (Cook) Graham, the former of whom was born in the city of New York, son of Hugh Graham, a native of the north of Ireland, of Scottish descent. His ancestors, members of the Montrose clan, settled in Ireland in Cromwell's day. Hugh Graham, Sr., came to the United States in 1810, residing in New York City until 1818, when he moved to Canada, took a claim to a tract of government land in the Toronto neighborhood and there spent the rest of his life. The second Hugh Graham was but a child

when his parents moved from New York to Canada and he grew up on the homestead farm near Toronto, in turn becoming a farmer on his own account. He married Catherine Cook, a native of Connecticut, whose parents had moved with their family to Canada, and to that union eight children were born, all but one of whom lived to maturity, as follows: Joseph, the eldest; Mary Ann, who married Joseph Graham; Hugh, father of Doctor Graham; Elizabeth, who married William James Neelands; Thomas; James, who died in 1909, and William. The father of these children was killed in a runaway accident and the widow kept her family together and continued to manage the farm. Her last days were spent in the home of her son, Hugh, in this state, she being seventy-five years of age at the time of her death.

Hugh Graham was reared on the old homestead farm that his grandfather entered from the government and, on December 6, 1866, was united in marriage to Elizabeth Baldwin, who was born in Peel county, Ontario, January 6, 1846. She was a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Rich) Baldwin, natives of Yorkshire, England, the former born in 1800 and the latter in 1810, who sailed for Canada immediately after their marriage and settled on a farm in Vought township, Peel county, where they established their home. William Baldwin and wife were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Graham was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Henry, William, Mary (who married Samuel Troyer), John, George, Emily and Sarah, the latter of whom married Thomas Graham. After his marriage, Hugh Graham continued to make his home in Canada until 1874, when he moved with his family to Michigan, homesteading a tract of land seven miles north of Mt. Pleasant, in Isabella county, and there established his home. He cleared the land and quickly became recognized as one of the most substantial farmers in that section. In addition to his general farming, he has long given much attention to the raising of fine horses and is one of the best-known horsemen in that part of the state. He is still living on his farm in Isabella county, where he is very comfortably situated. His wife died there on January 4, 1902, being then fifty-six years of age. They were the parents of five children, of whom Doctor Graham was the first-born, the others being as follow: Laura Isabel, born on April 30, 1870, who died in November, 1881; Emily Catherine, born in 1878, who married J. H. Hingman and is living at Mt. Pleasant, this state; Victor Elmo and Elmo Victor, twins, born in 1884, the latter of whom died in infancy.

Dr. Hugh Graham received excellent educational training for the practice of his exacting profession. He was graduated from the high school at

Mt. Pleasant in 1889 and immediately thereafter entered the medical department of Michigan University at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated on June 30, 1892. Two days before that date he was married and on the day of his graduation located at Mt. Morris and has ever since been engaged in practice there, long having been one of the best-known physicians in Genesee county. In addition to caring for his extensive practice, Doctor Graham is extensively interested in farming and in the grain business. He is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and seventy-three acres in the vicinity of Mt. Morris, which he maintains as a stock farm, long having been deeply interested in good live stock. He also is a partner in the ownership of the local elevator at Mt. Morris and has considerable real-estate investment in and about the village. Doctor Graham is a Democrat and is now serving his third term as president of the village. He also has served many terms as a member of the village council and for some time was treasurer of the same. For twenty years he had been health officer for his home township and for eighteen years has been a member of the village school board, seventeen years of which time he has been secretary of the same. Doctor Graham is a Mason, being a member of the blue lodge at Mt. Morris and of the chapter and commandery at Flint. He also is affiliated with several other fraternal organizations and takes a warm interest in the affairs of all.

On June 28, 1892, Dr. Hugh W. Graham was united in marriage to Catherine McKnight, who was born in Isabella county, this state, June 22, 1872, daughter of James and Mary (Swendelhurst) McKnight. The former, a native of Ireland, was about three years old when his parents came across and settled in Canada, where he grew to manhood, married and lived until about 1872, when he moved with his family to Michigan and settled on a farm in Isabella county, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in March, 1913, he then being seventy-two years of age; his widow is still living in Isabella county. James McKnight and wife were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being, Ada, who married Calvin Cameron; Wesley, Catherine, William, George and Minnie, the latter of whom married Wayne Arnold. To Doctor and Mrs. Graham one child was born, a daughter, Kathleen, born on May 15, 1898. She was graduated from the Mt. Morris high school and from the high school at Flint and is now bookkeeper in the office at her father's elevator, for the advantage of the business experience thus to be gained, and expects to continue her education.

CRANSON CLARK.

Cranson Clark, a well-known and prominent retired farmer, of Grand Blanc, Genesee county, Michigan, was born in Mundy township, on September 6, 1844, being the son of William and Julia (Cranson) Clark.

William Clark, a native of the state of New York, was living in Seneca county, that state, at the time he was married to Julia Cranson. For one year after marriage, Mr. Clark was engaged in general farming in his native state. In 1843, he and his wife decided that they would leave their native state and locate in Michigan, as they had an opportunity to trade their team, wagon, plow and drag for eighty acres of land in section 13, Mundy township, Genesee county, Michigan. Mr. Clark was too poor to make a trip to see the land, yet he traded and in September of that year he and his wife came to their new home in Michigan. After their arrival, they located in the woods on their farm in Mundy township and here they built a log house and began to make a clearing, so that they might be in shape to plant some crops. Being without means, they suffered many privations and hardships. It required much determination and will power for the young couple to continue with the work. It was in their first log house that their son, Cranson Clark, was born. The little family began to prosper and they had bright hope of a substantial home in the near future. In 1856, William Clark was taken sick and died, thirteen years after coming to the new country, Mrs. Clark being left a widow with two children, Cranson, aged eleven, and Lois, aged seven years.

Some years after the death of William Clark, Mrs. Clark married Ephraim Fletcher, who was one of the very first settlers in Gaines township. Cranson Clark was nineteen years of age at the time his mother was married to Mr. Fletcher, and he took charge of the home farm, his mother removing to Gaines township, the home of Mr. Fletcher. At the age of twenty-one, Cranson Clark purchased the interest of his sister in the farm.

On October 16, 1865, Cranson Clark was united in marriage to Hattie Robinson, a native of the state of New York. She came to Michigan as a little girl with her grandparents, Asel Watkins and wife, who settled in section 18, of Grand Blanc township. For five years after his marriage, Cranson Clark remained on the old homestead, where he was born and where he grew to manhood. He then traded the farm for one hundred and sixty acres in section 18, Grand Blanc township, and here he made his home for twenty-eight years. He later purchased one hundred and sixty acres that



CRANSON CLARK.

adjoined the farm. The farm was developed and improved under the careful management of Mr. Clark, who took much pride in his home. He was engaged in general farming and stock raising, and was most successful. In 1900, he retired from active work on the farm and moved to the village of Grand Blanc, where he had purchased a residence. He lived here until the fall of 1915, at which time he sold the place and moved to his present home, a neat and substantial brick residence, with all modern conveniences. He takes pride in the fact that he has lived to see so many wonderful developments in the world. He was born and lived in a log house, and later lived in a frame structure and is now living in a brick house. In early life he rode behind the oxen, then the horse and is now driving his automobile. He well remembers when the stage coach was the only means of travel from Pontiac to Flint. In those days the early life of the pioneer and his family was not filled with the many pleasures of the people of today. There was no telephone and the letters that were received were very few. Neighbors were far apart and there was no means of communication other than by a long journey, which was often made on foot.

In July, 1901, Mr. Clark was appointed postmaster of Grand Blanc, which position he held for seven years. In 1904 he was appointed superintendent of the poor and held that position for twelve years. From 1898 to 1904 he was a director of the Genesee County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company and for a number of years he served as a justice of the peace for Grand Blanc township. In all his official positions he served the people well and retired with credit to himself and honor to his friends. He has long been affiliated with the Republican party and has always taken an active interest in local affairs. He has done much for the betterment of the community in which he has lived so many years. While in active life on the farm he devoted his entire attention to the work, both intellectually and physically. By good management and close application to his duties, he succeeded in making his tract of land one of the best farms in the township. Situated as it is, with many fine improvements the upkeep and the evidences of thorough cultivation would attract the attention of the most casual observer. Here we find a beautiful home, substantial barns and other out-buildings, all of which are well cared for; the magnificent groves, the broad fields of golden grain, the stock, and all that tends to make the beautiful and ideal farm and country home.

On July 27, 1910, occurred the death of Harriet (Robinson) Clark, the faithful wife of Cranson Clark in the days of his youth and poverty. She it was who endured with him the early trials and privations, when, as a

struggling young man, he was making every effort to make a home in a new and undeveloped country; she it was who gave to him every assistance and cheered him in his efforts; she it was who gave him new life and new hope, when all looked dark and dreary. She was a member of the Baptist church and was always active in religious work, taking much interest in all that had to do with the success of the local society. She was the mother of two sons and one daughter, William D., Ernest B. and Minnie. William was born on September 6, 1866, and Ernest B., on September 6, 1869, their birthdays being the same month and day as that of their father. William is a resident of Flint, where he is a member of the city council. In early life he married Isadora Coleman, who later died, leaving one child, Clara Belle. After the death of his first wife, William Clark married Aggie Lang and to this union has been born one child, Howard. Ernest married Gertrude Davison and they have one child, Alton. They live on a farm, near Grand Blanc, where Ernest Clark is engaged in general farming and stock raising. Minnie L. was first married to Jason Summers, who later died, leaving the widow and three children, Alice, Ernest and Bertha. After the death of Mr. Summers, the widow married William Fiebekorn, of Grand Blanc village.

In addition to his many duties as a farmer and business man, as well as a public official, Cranson Clark has always taken much interest in the activities of the Baptist church, of which he is a member and in which he has been a deacon, for the past forty years. For many years he was superintendent of the Sunday school and took much interest in the young people of the community. In church and Sunday school work he put the same effort and system into his efforts that he employed in his private life.

On September 3, 1912, Cranson Clark was united in marriage to Susan McFarlen, a native of Genesee county and the daughter of John and Margery (Hadley) McFarlen, well known and prominent people of the county. John McFarlen was born on July 2, 1825, in the village of Rush, New York, being the son of Joseph and Eveline (Perry) McFarlen. Eveline Perry was a daughter of Edmund and Mercy Perry, the second family to settle in Genesee county. (A more extended record of the Perry family will be found on another page of this volume, under the caption of Joseph Hobart.) Eveline Perry was united in marriage to Joseph McFarlen, in the state of New York. Mr. McFarlen was of Scotch ancestry and Mrs. Embury has a piece of plaid that was woven, with the peculiar pattern of Clan McFarlen, in Scotland. In 1828 Joseph McFarlen and his wife came to Genesee county, there being but two houses in the county at the time.

Here he obtained one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, one mile east of the present location of the village of Grand Blanc, the land now being owned by Henry M. Graff. The family came here from Pontiac, having had to cut their way through the heavy timber and brush. Arriving at their destination, they prepared to settle on their new farm in the wild country. Their nearest neighbors were the Indians, who at that time were camped on a part of their farm, just west of the location of the McFarlen cemetery. Here they remained for many years. They of course did not remain there all the time, but, as is their practice, they would leave and then return at some future date. These Indians and Mr. and Mrs. McFarlen became great friends and never had any trouble at all. When the little son of the chief lay dying, they sent for Mrs. McFarlen to come to them and try to save him. After the child's death, they had Mr. McFarlen at the camp to comfort them before they took the body to Port Huron for burial. It was on this farm that Mr. and Mrs. McFarlen lived until they had reached advanced ages. They then retired to Fenton, where he died on July 13, 1893, and she on February 10, 1896. Their daughter, Harriett, who became the wife of A. W. Davis, was the second white child born in the county. Mr. McFarlen was a most public-spirited man and took an active interest in the development of the county, yet he was no politician and no office seeker.

Margery Hadley McFarlen was a native of the state of New York, having been born at Clyde, and was the daughter of John and Margery (Fenwick) Hadley, both of whom came from England. The parents came to Michigan and settled in Groveland township, Oakland county, where the family lived until her marriage, and here the daughter Margery was born. After the marriage of Margery Hadley and John McFarlen, they purchased a farm in section 21, Grand Blanc township, Genesee county, the farm being the one where Mrs. Embury now lives. The tract was only partly cleared at the time, but later was considered one of the best improved and developed farms in the township. They owned land on both sides of the road, and in time built a large barn, that was painted yellow and was for years known as the Yellow Barn farm. About 1866 he moved to the old homestead where his father had first settled. In addition to the original one hundred and sixty acres in the place, he purchased another one hundred and sixty that adjoined it on the west. In addition to this farm of three hundred and twenty acres, Mr. McFarlen owned two hundred and thirty-seven acres southwest of Grand Blanc. He moved to Fenton late in life and there lived until his death, on September 4, 1898. After the death of her hus-

band, Mrs. McFarlen lived with her daughter until her death in 1906. They were the parents of the following children: Margery, the widow of George M. Embury, who lives on a part of the old home place southwest of Grand Blanc; Harriett is the wife of Clark Layman, of Grand Blanc; William H. lives in Grand Blanc; Ethel is the wife of Sumner Rust, Flint City, and Susan is the wife of Cranson Clark.

In early days, during pioneer times, Joseph McFarlen and wife were known for their hospitality and were known for miles around as "Uncle Joe" and "Aunt Eveline." It was at their home that the young people delighted to gather for a frolic and a good time. They had the freedom of the place and nothing was spared to make their stay a happy one. Many were these happy scenes and, despite the fact that there were many wild animals in the woods, such as bear, deer and wolves, they could not dampen the ardor of the young people to visit at the home of "Uncle Joe" and "Aunt Eveline."

EUGENE FLEMING.

Eugene Fleming, a prominent farmer of Mt. Morris township and the son of Porter and Emily (French) Fleming, was born on November 17, 1858, in Mt. Morris township. Porter Fleming was born at Leroy, New York, on November 3, 1825, and Emily French Fleming was born at Batavia, New York, on March 28, 1830. The two came to Genesee county separately, were later married and made their home here until their death. For twenty years before his death, Porter Fleming lived a retired life. He was a staunch Republican and held several important offices. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Fleming died on February 20, 1885. To Porter and Emily Fleming were born six children, Udora, Della, Isona, Eugene, Elmer and Cora. Udora is the widow of Simon Carpenter, who died some years ago; Della, who was the wife of J. B. Margeson, died on August 1, 1912; Isona is the widow of Thomas Benjamin; Cora, deceased, was the wife of Rome Gear.

Eugene Fleming received his education in the common schools and the high school of Flint. When but thirteen years of age, he went to work for a Mr. Hitchcock, with whom he remained for five years. On his return home he purchased eighty acres of land in section 26 and began farming for himself. Some time later he purchased an adjoining eighty of his brother and a forty of his father. He also has twenty acres near

Flint, where he makes his home. In time he accumulated three hundred acres, all of which he made himself. The land is under good cultivation and is well improved.

On December 16, 1885, Eugene Fleming was married to Libby Blight, who was born in Mundy township in 1863. To this union was born one child, Nina E., who graduated from Columbus University in 1916. Mrs. Libby Fleming died in 1895, and on September 25, 1898, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Sada Blight, a sister of Libby Blight Fleming. She was born on June 5, 1871, and is a native of Mundy township. To this union four children have been born, Clifford, Gordon, Austin and Dora Geraldine. Clifford is now in high school and the others are all attending school.

In 1911 Eugene Fleming built his present home, which is most pretentious and modern throughout, and is located on the Pearson and Fleming road. The barns are of the latest type, with cement floors and all conveniences. He does general farming and raises much stock in connection with his large dairy. He also owns rental property at Flint and a cottage at Long Lake.

Fraternally, Mr. Fleming is a Free and Accepted Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter, council and commandery at Flint, and the Shrine at Detroit. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active part in all church work.

ROBERT O. HART.

Robert O. Hart was born in Flushing, Genesee county, Michigan, February 21, 1871. He was educated in the Flushing high school and attended the commercial schools at Flint and Fenton.

He is a son of Orin and Margaret E. (Ashbaugh) Hart, the latter having been born in Boone county, New York, February 23, 1825, near Triangle. In 1836 Orin Hart came to Michigan with his father and mother, Marcus E. and Pollie (Clark) Hart. Marcus E. Hart was born near Hartford, Connecticut, in 1797, a son of Marcus, Sr., and Rhoda (Clark) Hart. When ten years old Marcus Hart, Sr., moved from Connecticut to New York state, near Triangle, living there until his death, in 1832, at the age of sixty-four years. Rhoda, his wife, was born in Connecticut and spent the early years of her life there. She came to Triangle, New York, where she was married. She was the mother of four children: Laura, who married Z.

Case; Rhoda, who married Darius Butler; Alice, who married George Coril, and Marcus E., grandfather of the subject, who married Pollie Clark.

Marcus E. Hart was born near Hartford, Connecticut, in 1797, and lived to be forty years old. He was a farmer and lumberman. In early life, after marriage, he came to Michigan and settled in Genesee county, three miles east of Flint. He then moved to a farm near Marshall, Calhoun county, and lived there until his death, in 1837. He followed farming while living in Michigan, and lumbering while in New York state. His wife, Pollie, was born in 1806, either in Canada or in New York state. She was married in Triangle, New York, and was the mother of three children: Orin, father of the subject; Lucinda, deceased, who married Smith Barnes; Clark, deceased, who was a farmer in Genesee county. Pollie, mother of the subject, lived to be ninety-six years old. She died in 1902, at Oak Grove, Livingston county, Michigan.

In July, 1836, Orin Hart, father of the subject, came to Flint and located on a farm three miles east of the town. He lived there for a few years and then moved to Marshall, where he lived for one year. When only twelve years old he drove a four ox-team and had a hard time for a boy. Coming to Flushing, he lived with Ogden Clark until he was twenty-eight years old. He attended school at the Pearson school house, Genesee county, and at Pontiac, Oakland county. He was married when twenty-eight years old, on January 1, 1853, to Henrietta Catant, who was born in New York; she was a daughter of Latin Catant, a native of New York state, and her death occurred on March 16, 1862.

After his first marriage, Orin Hart bought a farm of eighty-one acres near Flushing, and afterward bought an additional thirty acres. He farmed this for ten years, then sold his farm and, moving to Flushing, embarked in the milling business in partnership with Oscar F. Clark, a cousin. The mill was operated by water power, the machinery being driven by two paddle wheels. He continued to operate this mill until he retired from active business, in 1891. In 1868 he married Margaret E. Ashbaugh, who was born in Mansfield, Ohio, July 26, 1838, and came to Michigan when about thirty years old. She was a milliner and had a millinery store in Flushing in 1866 and 1867. She died, December 21, 1915, at the age of seventy-seven years. Her father and mother, Harvey and Eliza (Elliott) Ashbaugh, were of Irish ancestry, the original family coming to this country from Ireland in the latter part of the eighteenth century. They were both natives of Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in early days, engaging in farming. Mrs. Hart was the mother of two children, Robert O., subject of this sketch, and Renie E.

After Robert O. Hart finished school, in 1889, he went to work in his father's mill to learn the milling trade. He continued in this employment until 1892, when he and John K. Clark, son of his father's partner, took over the management of the mill and operated the same for about a year. In 1893 the father of the subject bought his partner's (Clark) interest in the mill and turned over the management to his two sons, Robert O. and Renie. In that same year the dam across the stream went out again. A new dam was built, constructed of wood, which lasted until 1898, when it went out. This dam was replaced by a concrete structure, twelve feet high, and this is still holding. The partnership of the two brothers continued until 1905, when Robert O. bought his brother's interest and incorporated the concern, under the name of the Hart Milling and Power Company, Incorporated, Robert O. Hart, manager. In 1893 a steam plant was put in for use in emergency. In 1913 a contract was made with the village council to furnish light and power for the village and the milling plant was equipped for this service and is still operating under that contract. Mr. Hart gives his whole time to the management of the milling and light plant.

Robert O. Hart was married, August 28, 1893, to Lulla E. Tubbs, who was born near Oil City, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1870. She is a daughter of Philander and Rachael (Davie) Tubbs, both natives of Ohio. Her father died in 1891; her mother, who was born on March 5, 1846, died in 1913, at the age of sixty-seven years. Her father was a shoemaker by trade, who, after moving with his family to Flushing, opened a shoe shop here and continued to work at his trade until about ten years before his death. He then removed to Saginaw and remained there for a few years and then returned to Flushing, where he died. He had two children, Lulla, wife of the subject, and Flora, who married Harry Dawe and is living in New York.

Mrs. Robert O. Hart was educated in the graded and high schools of Flushing, and afterward learned the milliner trade and worked for some time in this business. She is the mother of two children, Oren C., born March 28, 1897, and Sybil M., born May 12, 1903. The son is employed in a broker's office in Rochester, New York, and the daughter is attending school.

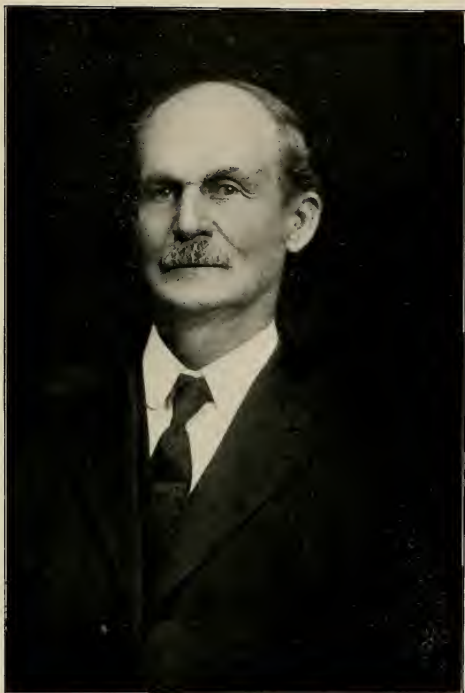
Mr. Hart is a Republican in politics. He served as village clerk for one year, village trustee for ten years and president of the village of Flushing for three years. He is a Mason, being junior warden of Lodge No. 223, at Flushing, and junior warden of Chapter No. 176. He is a member of the Elks lodge No. 222, at Flint. Both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star, at Flushing.

REV. JOEL B. GOSS.

One of the best known Methodist ministers in the state of Michigan is the Rev. Joel B. Goss, now living retired at Flint. He was born in Owosso, Shiawassee county, Michigan, in 1843, and did his first work as a local preacher in Gaines and Vernon in 1866 and 1867. Twenty-seven years of the thirty-seven years that he was in active ministerial work were spent in Genesee county and Shiawassee county. His residence in Genesee county began in September, 1869, when he was appointed by the bishop of the Detroit conference of the Methodist Episcopal church to the Hazelton circuit. He was married the month before at Bay City, Michigan. The circuit included all of the township of Hazelton, in Shiawassee county, and part of the town of Flushing, in Genesee. The place of residence for the pastor was in the English settlement in Flushing township, at which point the only church building on the circuit was located. The young clergyman and his wife began housekeeping in a building on the farm of Henry Bowden, now owned by Ernest Bailey.

After two years spent there the Rev. Joel B. Goss, in 1871, was assigned to Swartz Creek, which place was then known as the Miller settlement. There was no railroad there at the time. The next year (1872) he built the Bristol church on that charge, situated four and one-half miles southwest of Flint. After serving three years there he was sent to Laingsburg, Shiawassee county. In September, 1876, he was appointed to Mt. Morris and preached there and at the Pailthorp school house in southwest Vienna and at Mt. Morris Center. In 1878 he was again appointed to Swartz Creek. After serving that charge three years, as long as the law of the church then permitted, he was appointed to the village of Flushing in 1881. The old church edifice burned during his first year there and he erected the present building. The congregation held services for about a year in a hall until the new building was completed. After holding services in the new building for three months, Reverend Goss was sent to Grand Blanc. At the end of two years his health was broken and he retired for a year to a little farm in Flushing township. After a year's rest he was assigned to Corunna, Shiawassee county. His next experience in Genesee county was being returned, in 1891, to Mt. Morris, where he remained two years, his next charge being at Gaines and Duffield, where he remained one year.

Since his retirement from active service, the Rev. Joel B. Goss has been a resident of Flint for about eight years, making his residence in the county



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a total of twenty-nine years. He has served more years as a pastor in Genesee county than any other minister here and has as wide an acquaintance in this section of the state as probably any other person. He is now enjoying a rest from active labor and, to use his own language, his work now is "chiefly attending the funerals of long-time friends." He has a splendid family, one son being Arnold H. Goss, a capitalist of Detroit, who is one of the most successful business men and financiers in the state.

WILLIAM GRANT.

One of the most careful and studious of the younger generation of farmers in Genesee county is William Grant, of Montrose township, who realizes the fact that the successful agriculturalist of today must be something of a business man, must solve his problems in a manner quite different from the methods used in the days of his grandfather, for times and conditions have changed. Mr. Grant was born in the above named township and county on August 25, 1889, and is a son of James and Mary (Swart) Grant. The father was born in Ontario, Canada, July 17, 1850, and when fourteen years old came with his parents to Michigan, the family locating on a farm in Saginaw county. There young Grant lived until coming to Genesee county, upon reaching maturity, and here he bought forty acres in Montrose township. After remaining there for twelve years, he sold out and bought eighty acres in Saginaw county, but a year later sold out there and came back to Genesee county, buying eighty acres in Madison township, where he spent the rest of his life, dying on October 1, 1915, at the age of sixty-five years. He was a Republican, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masonic order and the Methodist Episcopal church. He served two terms as township treasurer, also as justice of the peace, and was moderator of the school board for a number of years. He was one of the influential men of his community. His wife, Nancy Swart, was born in the state of New York on January 16, 1850, and when three years old came with her parents to Genesee county, Michigan, locating in Montrose township, where she grew up and attended school, including the high school at Flushing. She taught school a number of years prior to her marriage. She is still living and is the mother of six children, named as follows: Mary is at home; Nellie is the wife of Perry Richards and they live on a farm in Vienna township; Julia and Jennie are twins, the former being

the wife of Arthur Dake, a railroader of Durand, and the latter the wife of Howard Pound, who is engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Flint; William, of this sketch, and Sadie, who is teaching in Montrose village.

William Grant grew to manhood on the farm and received a public school education, including the Montrose high school, later attending Ferris Institute at Big Rapids. In 1908 he left school and helped to carry on the home farm. In 1913 he began operating it for himself and has remained on the home-
stead, which he has kept well cultivated and well improved. He is making a success as a general farmer and stock raiser, specializing in Jersey cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs. He bought forty acres in section 26, in 1914, which he is farming in connection with the eighty acres at home.

Mr. Grant is unmarried. He is a Republican, and belongs to the Masonic lodge at Montrose, of which he is junior warden.

IRA D. LUCE.

Ira D. Luce, one of the prominent younger farmers of Mt. Morris township, was born in Flushing township on June 29, 1871, being the son of Calvin and Florence A. (Sutton) Luce. (See history of their lives on another page of this work.) He grew to manhood on the home farm and was educated in the schools of Flushing township and at the Flushing high school. After completing his education, he worked on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He then rented a farm one mile east of Flushing and remained here for three years. He then rented the Warner farm in Flint township for four years, after which he was on a farm in Mt. Morris township for two years, before he purchased ninety-six acres of his present one hundred and thirty-six acre farm.

On October 26, 1893, Ira D. Luce was united in marriage to Hellen (Parmeter) who was born in Mt. Morris township on February 12, 1872, and is the daughter of Aaron and Emeline (Baker) Parmeter. Aaron Parmeter was born in the state of New York on August 31, 1829, and died at his home in Mt. Morris township in 1909. He came to Mt. Morris township in early manhood and here married Emeline Baker, who was born in the state of New York in 1839 and is still living at her home in Mt. Morris township. To Mr. and Mrs. Parmeter were born the following children: Fred, Lucy, Earl, Hellen, Hawley and Grace.

To Ira D. Luce and wife have been born the following children: Herman, born on October 31, 1895; Charles, born on December 31, 1898, and

Earl, born on January 19, 1903. Charles and Earl are still in school, Herman having completed the high school at Flushing.

Mr. Luce is the owner of a splendid farm which is under a high state of cultivation and well improved. In 1908 he built a large barn, with cement floor and modern improvements. He is interested in the dairy business, and is making a success of delivering milk to the residents of Flushing. He keeps Holstein and Durham cattle.

Politically, Mr. Luce is a Republican and believes in party organization. He has served for a number of years on the school board. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Flushing. He and his family are active members of the Flushing Methodist Episcopal church.

CASH H. DAKE.

One of the careful farmers of Montrose township, Genesee county, is Cash H. Dake, who has succeeded in agricultural affairs partly because he has been willing to apply himself assiduously to his vocation and partly because he has adopted modern methods of husbandry. He was born in Thetford township, Genesee county, December 8, 1874, and is a son of Nelson and Mary (Hammond) Dake. The father was born on February 23, 1854. After his marriage he moved to Genesee county and lived on a farm in Thetford township for twenty years, then sold out and moved to Montrose township, buying eighty acres in section 26 and later forty acres in section 35. He has since carried on general farming here, but is now living retired. He is a Democrat and belongs to the Masonic order and the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Mary Hammond, was born in Wayne county on February 24, 1855. To these parents seven children have been born, namely: William, Cash H., Minnie is the wife of Bert Chase; Inna is the wife of Arthur Bailey; Arthur; Earl; Elizabeth is the wife of Harlie McDowell.

Cash H. Dake grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools of Thetford and Montrose townships. He continued to work on his father's farm until he was twenty-six years of age, or at the time of his marriage, when he bought forty acres of his father, on which he lived two years; he then bought seventy-four acres in section 34, which he farmed until 1909, when he bought eighty acres in section 26, selling his former place, and here he still resides, carrying on general farming and stock

raising specializing on thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey hogs. His farm is well improved in every respect.

Mr. Dake was married on August 28, 1901, to Nellie Westfall, who was born, February 24, 1881, in Montrose township, Genesee county, where she grew to womanhood and was educated in the public schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Dake one child has been born, Beulah B. Dake, whose birth occurred on June 21, 1905. She is now attending school.

WILL N. WADLEY.

A successful farmer must keep up a proper rotation of crops with a view to the fertility of the soil of the farm. This system is successfully carried out by Will N. Wadley, of Argentine township, Genesee county. He was born in Shiawassee county, Michigan, February 6, 1875, and is a son of Walter M. and Sarah E. (Ray) Wadley, the father a native of the state of New York, and the mother born in Argentine township, Genesee county, Michigan. Walter M. Wadley came here in 1879. His father entered land from the government in Fenton township, this county, part of Long Lake, later moving to Almar, where his death occurred. Walter M. Wadley lived in Argentine township until 1912, when he moved to Fenton, where he now lives retired after a long life as a farmer. He has two children, Will N., of this sketch, and George, who now lives in Saginaw, this state.

Will N. Wadley was reared on the home farm and he received his education in the common schools, later attending the business college at Ypsilanti. He has devoted his active life to farming and now owns a well-improved farm in Argentine township.

Mr. Wadley was married, on June 18, 1899, to Imogene Orr, who was born in Shiawassee county, January 17, 1875. She received her education in the public schools and the Ann Arbor high school. To Mr. and Mrs. Wadley two sons have been born, namely: Ralph, born June 11, 1901, is six feet and two inches in height and weighs two hundred and ten pounds, although now but sixteen years old; Jerome was born September 13, 1903.

Politically, Mr. Wadley is a Democrat and is active in local party affairs. He has served as township treasurer, justice of the peace and highway commissioner. Fraternally, he belongs to Byron Lodge No. 80, Free and Accepted Masons, and Duran Chapter No. 39, Royal Arch Masons; with his wife, he belongs to Huldah Chapter No. 112, Order of the Eastern Star, and has served in several offices.

Mr. Wadley, in connection with general farming, makes a specialty of breeding Red Polled cattle, his herd being led by "J. G.", a fine registered Durham. He took first premium at the New York state fair and the Michigan state fair. Mr. Wadley is also a breeder of Ohio Improved Chester hogs. His excellent live stock is greatly admired by all for superior quality and he has done much to encourage better stock raising in Genesee county and vicinity.

FRED HARDY.

Fred Hardy, a well-known and substantial farmer of Genesee township, owner of a fine farm of one hundred acres on rural route No. 3, out of Flint, and actively identified with the work of developing the best interests of his home community, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Davison township, March 20, 1875, son of Henry O. and Viola (Hymebauch) Hardy, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Michigan, both of whom spent their last days in this county.

Henry G. Hardy was born on April 9, 1850, and, when about fifteen years old, came to Michigan with his widowed mother and settled in Davison township, this county, where he grew to manhood. There he married Viola Hymebauch, who was born in that township and who died in 1882, at the age of thirty-four years, leaving six children, namely: Nora, who married David Prosser; Cora, who married Charles Lovejoy; Frank; Fred, the subject of this biographical sketch; Mae, who married West Conke, and Arthur, who is living in Richfield township, this county. Some time after the death of the mother of these children, Henry O. Hardy married Christina Gilchrist, and to that union two daughters were born, Charlotte V., a graduate of Olivet College, and Floy M., both of whom are now teaching school. For some years after his marriage Henry O. Hardy continued to make his home in Davison township and then moved up into Genesee township, where he bought a forty-acre farm in section 13, later buying an "eighty" adjoining and still later an additional "forty," thus giving him a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he spent the rest of his life. His death occurred in 1906, he then being fifty-seven years of age. His widow survived him but two years, her death occurring in 1908. Mr. Hardy was a Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Fred Hardy was reared on the farm and received his schooling in the Brown district school in the neighborhood of his boyhood home. As a young man he "worked out" for a couple of years and then returned to the home farm, assisting his father in the development of the same until his marriage in 1900, when he bought sixty acres of the home place and there established his home. Some time later he bought an adjoining "forty" and has since been farming his hundred acres with much success, being regarded as one of the most progressive farmers in that section. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Hardy gives considerable attention to the raising of cattle and hogs and is doing very well. In 1908 he built a fine new barn, thirty-four by sixty four feet in size, with cement floor and up-to-date equipment, and the other improvements on his place are in keeping with the same. Mr. Hardy is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been included in the office-seeking class.

On May 22, 1900, Fred Hardy was united in marriage to Nellie E. Servis, who was born in Forest township, this county, in 1876, daughter of Lansing and Sophia (McPherson) Servis, natives of New York state, the former born on August 14, 1834, and the latter, April 9, 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Servis came to Michigan at an early day and established their home at Otisville, this county, becoming prominent and valuable members of that community. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy have a very pleasant home on their farm in Genesee township and take a proper interest in all movements having to do with the advancement of the best interests of the community in which they live.

FRED W. PARTRIDGE.

Fred W. Partridge, a prominent and successful farmer of Genesee county, near Flint, was born in Flint township on November 16, 1861, being the son of Richard and Emily I. (Coterell) Partridge. Richard Partridge and wife were both natives of England, he having been born in Devonshire in 1839 and she in Bristol on March 5, 1841. They were married in their native country on August 17, 1858, and came to America the same year, having been six weeks on the water. They landed at Quebec and then came to Fenton by way of Detroit and from Fenton to Flint by stage. They purchased a farm in Flint township and here they made their home until the death of Mr. Partridge, on January 25, 1877; Mrs. Partridge is still living.

Richard Partridge and wife were the parents of four children: Edward, born on November 9, 1860, is living in Oklahoma City; Fred W., Francis A., the wife of Rev. George A. Fee, a Methodist Episcopal minister of Detroit, and Charles E., of San Diego, California, who was born on June 17, 1874.

Fred W. Partridge was reared on a farm in Flint township, attended the district school and worked on the farm in the summer. He later married Augusta A. Roska, who was born in Germany on June 12, 1864, and came with her parents to Flint township, where she attended school and met and married Mr. Partridge. Mr. and Mrs. Partridge are the parents of the following children: Edgar S., born on January 3, 1886, now lives in Detroit; Eva, born on May 10, 1888, is the wife of Claud McNiel; Marion E., born on May 17, 1892, is the wife of George Monign, of Vienna township; Donald A., born on September 5, 1895, is at home with his parents; Fred W., Jr., born November 20, 1900. Mr. Partridge is a Republican and has served as justice of the peace and on the township board.

PAUL B. McKEON.

Paul B. McKeon, treasurer of Argentine township, this county, and one of the best-known and most progressive young farmers of that township, a former school teacher and, since the days of his youth, actively interested in the work of promoting the best interests of his home community, is a native of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Fenton township June 30, 1889, son of Charles O. and Agnes C. (Twoomey) McKeon, both natives of Michigan, the former born in Woodhull township, in the neighboring county of Shiawassee, and the latter at Tyrone, in Livingston county. Charles O. McKeon was born on August 22, 1857, and has for years been a well-known and substantial farmer of Genesee, a well-to-do resident of the southwestern part of the county. His wife died in February, 1914. They were the parents of two sons, Paul B. and Ralph J., besides whom they had an adopted daughter, Margaret. Ralph J. McKeon is a graduate of the commercial department of Sandwich College and is now engaged in farming in Holley township, in the neighboring county of Oakland.

Paul B. McKeon was reared on the paternal farm and was graduated from the Linden high school with the class of 1908. Afterward for three years he was a teacher in the public schools of his home township, meanwhile continuing during the summers his active connection with the home

farm and has continued to reside there, having now the practical management of the same. He is relieving his father of much of the responsibility of farm direction, being recognized as one of the most up-to-date and energetic young farmers in the neighborhood. Mr. McKeon has given proper attention to local civic affairs and in the spring of 1916 was elected, as the nominee of the Democratic party, treasurer of Argentine township, a position he now occupies. He is a member of the Catholic church at Fenton and takes a warm interest in the general affairs of the parish.

COLEMAN P. MORAN.

Coleman P. Moran was born in Montrose, August 10, 1879, a son of Patrick Moran, who was born in Ireland, March 17, 1836, the anniversary of the patron saint whose name he bore. Patrick Moran came to America, May 1, 1846, at the age of ten years. He first located in Toronto, Canada, where he remained for twenty years. In 1866 he came to Saginaw, Michigan, from which town he worked on the great lake vessels for a period of five years. In 1870 he bought a farm near Montrose, where he settled and made his home until his death, which occurred on December 23, 1909. He married Bridget Hannan, who was born in Bayfield, Ontario, October 14, 1842. She is now living on the farm, near Montrose, on which they first settled. She was the mother of nine children, of whom the following is the record: (1) John A., born in 1870, married Lillian Morrison, who was born in Lyon county, Michigan, October 4, 1882. They have one child, Mary Jane, born February 5, 1914. (2) Jane M., born May 23, 1872, died in childhood. (3) Christopher J., born February 20, 1874. (4) J. Hillary, born September 22, 1876. (5) Charles T., born September 22, 1877. (6) Coleman P., subject of this sketch, born August 10, 1879. (7) Mary A., born December 14, 1883, married Robiens Jones, of Clio, Michigan, and died on October 16, 1915. She was the mother of five children: Howard, born September 19, 1904; Margaret, born December 23, 1906; Robert E., born October 14, 1909; Carlton, born July 4, 1911; Raymond, born August 7, 1914. (8) Margaret, born February 22, 1885, married John Dighten Taylor, of North Dakota. (9) Jane Ellen, born June 3, 1887.

Patrick Moran, father of these children, was the son of James Moran, who was born in Ireland in 1813. He was a blacksmith by trade, came to Canada in 1846 and died in 1848. He married Ann Duignan, who was



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born in Ireland in 1815 and died in Canada in 1847. She was the mother of ten children, whose names are as follows: Mary, James, Christopher, Margaret, Jane, Simon, Patrick, Louis; two children, born in Canada, died in infancy.

Bridget (Hannan) Moran was a daughter of Thomas Hannan, a shoemaker by trade, who was born in Ireland on March 16, 1806. He immigrated to Canada and located at Bayfield, in 1847. He died on November 16, 1896. He married Ann Cosgriff, who was born in Ireland in February, 1808, and died in August, 1880. She was the mother of five children, Patrick, John, James, Thomas and Bridget.

Coleman P. Moran received his education in the Montrose schools. After his school days he worked on the great lake boats for six years, as wheelman and lookout man. Afterward he bought a farm in Montrose township and followed farming until 1912, when he turned his whole attention to fruit growing. He married Anna Byrne, who was born in Maple Grove township, Saginaw county, July 23, 1885. She was a daughter of Patrick Byrne, who was born in Ireland, March 17, 1842, and became a farmer in Saginaw county, Michigan. He married Catherine Hogan, who was born in Flint, Michigan, March 12, 1849. Both are still living at their home in Saginaw county. They are the parents of seven children: Mary, deceased; Catherine; Mrs. Edward McCartney, of Saginaw county; Monica, who died in infancy; Frank, living in Maple Grove township; Anna, wife of the subject; Thomas, living in Maple Grove township.

Patrick Byrne was a son of James Byrne, who was born in Ireland and immigrated to the United States, settling in Maine, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was the father of five children: Thomas, living in Williams, Arizona; Patrick; James, deceased; Edward, deceased; Michael, deceased.

Catherine (Hogan) Byrne, mother of Mrs. Anna Coleman, was a daughter of Thomas Hogan, a blacksmith by trade, born in Tipperary county, Ireland. He married Catherine Murphy, in 1840, and afterwards came to the United States, settling in Flint, Michigan. His wife was also a native of Tipperary county, Ireland, and became the mother of three children, Catherine, William, living in Maple Grove township, and James, who died in 1865.

Coleman P. Moran is a Democrat in politics. He has served as school officer of Montrose township for nine years; was a candidate for justice of the peace and for supervisor in the years 1910 and 1915, and is now holding the office by appointment of the county commissioners; has served

as village marshal; was appointed deputy sheriff, May, 1915, and was appointed postmaster of Montrose, January 6, 1916.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Moran: Christopher, born June 1, 1908; Catherine, born January 25, 1910, and Robert, born June 16, 1915. Mr. Moran's fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of Columbus. The family are members of the Catholic church.

JAMES ENNIS.

James Ennis, a well-known and substantial farmer of Genesee township, the owner of a fine farm of nearly one hundred acres on rural route No. 9, out of Flint, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Mundy township on June 12, 1858, son of Peter and Hannah (Berry) Ennis, both of whom were born in Ireland and whose last days were spent in this county. Peter Ennis was about forty years old when he came from the old country to the United States. For some time after coming to this country he lived in New York state and there married Hannah Berry, who had come to this country from Ireland with her parents in her girlhood. Shortly after their marriage, he and his wife came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Mundy township, among the early settlers in that section. There they lived for about ten years, at the end of which time they moved to the village of Rogersville, where they lived several years and then moved to the farm in Genesee township, where the subject of this sketch now lives, and there spent their last days. Peter Ennis dying in 1868, about two years after taking up his residence on the farm. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being John (deceased), Thomas (deceased), and Ella, who married Stephen Lucas.

James Ennis was about ten years old when his father died in 1868 and he made his home with his mother on the farm in Genesee township until her death, after which he bought the interests of the other heirs in the place and there established his permanent home. He has a well-kept and profitably cultivated farm of ninety-nine acres and is doing very well in his farming operations, at the same time giving considerable attention to the raising of live stock. Mr. Ennis is a Democrat and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but is not included in the office-seeking class. He is a member of the Grange and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

On April 10, 1912, James Ennis was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth (Dickerson) Jones, who was born in Richfield township, this county, June 1, 1861, daughter of Henry and Almira (Hibbard) Dickerson. She was married in 1881 to Ballard Jones, who was born in Burton township, this county, on November 23, 1858, and who spent all his life on a farm there, his death occurring in 1899, he then being forty-one years of age. To Ballard and Elizabeth (Dickerson) Jones three children were born: Lulu, who married Theodore Leffler and is living in Forest township; Roy, who married Vera Ellis and is living in Richfield township, and Joy, who is living in Flint. After the death of Mr. Jones, Mrs. Jones sold her farm in Burton township and bought property in Richland, and was living there when she married Mr. Ennis in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Ennis are members of the Catholic church at Mt. Morris and take a warm interest in parish affairs, as well as in all neighborhood good works. They have a very pleasant home and are quite comfortably situated.

EDWIN HERRICK.

One of the farmers of Gaines township, Genesee county, who is evidently intelligently applying himself to his vocation, is Edwin Herrick, who is not only a hard worker with his hands, but also uses his mind in the management of his crops and soils, and therefore is succeeding. He was born in Wisconsin, October 18, 1856, and is a son of Hiram and Amanda (Derby) Herrick. It is very probable that they were both natives of Wisconsin also, where they grew up and married. They were still young in years when they removed to Michigan, in 1858, when their son, Edwin, was two years old. The family located on a farm in Gaines township, Genesee county, near where the subject of this sketch now lives. At that time the country was sparsely settled and but slightly improved.

Edwin Herrick grew up on the home farm, where he worked hard when a boy, and he received his education in the common schools, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years old. For some time he worked out by the month in his neighborhood, but finally bought a place of his own and has engaged in general farming all his life. He owns forty acres three miles from Swartz Creek.

Mr. Herrick was married, on April 22, 1885, to Zella McGaw, of Kent, Ohio, and to this union three children were born, namely: Ethel is the wife

of James Gooking; Rena is the wife of Seth Regole, and Herbert is single and living at home. The wife and mother passed away in June, 1910. On March 23, 1915, Mr. Herrick married, for his second wife, Mrs. Alice (Ramsbottom) Goodin, who was born in England. She grew up in her native land, where she attended school, and when twenty years of age came to the United States, locating in Clayton township, Genesee county, Michigan, and here married Mr. Goodin, to which union five children were born, namely: Ida, Winnie, Dortha, Elsie, and Lettie Ann. Mr. Goodin's death occurred on June 22, 1913.

Mr. Herrick is a Republican and belongs to the Loyal Guards.

WALTER L. JOHNSON.

As a general farmer Walter L. Johnson, of Thetford township, Genesee county, is an advocate of modern methods. He gives such attention as is necessary to produce large yields of all his crops and at the same time keeps his place attractive in every way, thus setting a good example. He was born on the farm that he now owns, on June 7, 1862, and is a son of Theodore and Adeline (Mullen) Johnson. The father was born in Massachusetts in 1816 and the mother was born in New Jersey in 1833. When young, they each came to Fulton county, Ohio, where they were married, and in 1859 moved to Michigan, locating on a farm in section 17, Thetford township, Genesee county, where they spent the rest of their lives, the father's death occurring in 1893 and the mother's in 1882. Their family consisted of six children, namely: George H., who has devoted his active life to railroad service, is now yard boss for the Grand Trunk Railway at Kalamazoo, Michigan; Linda is the wife of John J. Marvin; Nettie is the wife of Austin Reynolds; Millie is the wife of George Adams; Walter L., of this sketch; Emma is the wife of Earl Johnson.

Walter L. Johnson was reared on the home farm, where he worked hard when a boy, and he received his education in the district schools. He remained at home until his father's death and the home farm fell to him. The place consists of forty acres in Thetford township. He keeps a good grade of live stock, including a registered Percheron mare.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1901 to Martha Sheridan, whose death occurred in 1903, without issue. She was born and reared in Thetford township and received her education in the public schools here and in Flint. On May 25, 1912, Mr. Johnson married for his second wife Matilda Kasser

and to their union two children have been born, namely: Robert G., born June 10, 1914, and Paul D., born May 3, 1916.

Politically, Mr. Johnson is a Republican. He was at one time township treasurer and served as supervisor from 1912 to 1911, inclusive. He is a member of Vienna Lodge No. 205, Free and Accepted Masons.

A. B. KNIGHT.

A. B. Knight, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Clayton township, this county, now dealing in agricultural implements at Swartz Creek, of which village he has been a resident since 1906, for years secretary and treasurer of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Genesee and Shiawassee counties and otherwise actively identified with the general interests of the community in which he has been an active factor ever since he began to take a man's part in affairs thereabout, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on the farm which he now owns, three miles west of Swartz Creek, on September 16, 1860, the son of Abraham and Matilda (Slaght) Knight, these parents were natives of Seneca county, New York, the former born on August 21, 1820, and the latter in 1822. They were married in that county in February, 1844, and in August of the same year they came to Michigan and settled in Genesee county, where they spent the rest of their lives.

When he was eighteen years of age, in 1838, Abraham Knight had made a trip to this part of the state of Michigan from New York and had bought the farm in Clayton township, this county, here he established his home upon coming here with his bride in 1844 and thus became reckoned as among the early settlers of that part of the county. He was a good farmer and became the owner of two hundred acres, of which one hundred and sixty acres was cleared and well improved, it long having been looked upon as one of the good farms of that section. He and his wife were the parents of five sons, all of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Robert, a farmer in Saginaw county, this state; John C., a retired farmer, now living at Flushing, this county; Enoch, a retired farmer, living at Flint, and Charles, a farmer, living in Clayton township.

A. B. Knight was reared on the farm on which he was born, receiving his education in the district school in the vicinity of the same and proving

a valuable assistant in the work of the home place. After his father's death, in 1898, he finished paying off the other heirs for their interest in the estate of one hundred acres of the home farm and there established his home. He continued to reside there for eight years afterward, or until 1906, when he retired from the farm and he and his wife moved to Swartz Creek, where they now reside and where Mr. Knight is engaged in the agricultural-implement business. In addition to looking after his farming interest. Mr. Knight for sixteen years served as secretary and treasurer of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Genesee and Shiawassee counties, continuing that connection until January 16, 1916.

On October 23, 1895, A. B. Knight was united in marriage to Estella Felt, who was born in Mt. Morris township, this county, April 9, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Knight are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Swartz Creek, in the affairs of which they take a warm interest, as well as in all local good works, Mr. Knight being secretary of the board of trustees of the church. He is a Republican, a Mason, member of the lodge at Swartz Creek, and is one of the charter members of the Clayton Grange, past master of the same and for sixteen consecutive years secretary of the grange, the hall of which is located on his farm.

AMBROSE BODINE.

Ambrose Bodine, one of the best-known of the survivors of the old pioneer generation in Genesee county, a native son of this county and a resident all his life of the farm on which he still lives in section 3 of Genesee township, was born on that farm on February 6, 1844. He is a son of Abraham and Philinda (Trumbull) Bodine, natives of New York state, the former born in 1808. They were married in that state and came to Michigan in 1837, the year the state was admitted to statehood, settling in Genesee township, this county, being among the earliest settlers of that part of the county.

Upon coming to this county Abraham Bodine established his home in a cabin on section 3, in the deep woods in the northern part of Genesee township, and began working for Sherman Stanley, one of the early timbermen of that section. A year later, in consideration of services rendered, he was given a deed to the "eighty" surrounding his home and there he spent the rest of his life. The first pair of calves he raised he used for hauling his

produce to Detroit and Pontiac, the nearest markets in those days, and his wheat he hauled to Saginaw, receiving for the same forty cents a bushel. Abraham Bodine died in August, 1864, leaving his widow and the survivors of his family of eight children, namely: George W., born on July 24, 1835, now living in Flint; Harriet, who died in infancy; Henry, born in October, 1840, who died in December, 1910; William, May 29, 1842; Ambrose, the subject of this sketch; Charles, born in 1846, who died in 1858; Olive, born in 1848, who married Seymour Judd and is now deceased, and Ella, who died at the age of ten years. The mother of these children remained on the home farm after her husband's death until 1868, when she married Simon King, a farmer of Genesee township, and lived until August, 1883.

Ambrose Bodine grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Genesee township, receiving his schooling in the Bodine district school. From early boyhood he was a valuable assistant in the work of improving and developing the home place. He was twenty years of age when his father died and he and his brother, Henry Bodine, then bought the home farm in partnership and continued to operate the same under this mutually agreeable arrangement for fifty years, or until the failing health of Henry Bodine compelled his retirement, since which time Ambrose Bodine has been the sole owner. In addition to his general farming, he has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done very well. His farm is well improved and he is very comfortably situated. Mr. Bodine is an independent voter and the only public office he has ever held was that of highway commissioner some years ago. He is a member of Genesee Grange No. 31 and has for many years taken an active part in Grange affairs as well as in all movements designed to advance the general interests of the community which he has seen develop from early pioneer days and to which development he has contributed much of his time and energies.

Mr. Bodine has been twice married. On March 24, 1866, when twenty-two years old, he was united in marriage to Adaline B. Rogers, who was born on June 22, 1848, daughter and only child of Millard F. Rogers, a pioneer mechanic and carpenter of Genesee township. To that union five children were born, namely: Herbert H., born on March 8, 1870, who died on August 9, 1870; Jessie, May 12, 1872, who married Lester Scott, of Linton, Iowa; Florence S., February 4, 1874, who married Leslie Borden, of Flint; Ray L., August 22, 1878, who died in infancy, and Edith, June 14, 1880, who married Clarence Workman, of Flint. The mother of these children died on July 12, 1880, and in November, 1883, Mr. Bodine married Adaline Williams, who was born at Swartz Creek, this county.

January 22, 1841, daughter of Marvin and Elizabeth (Pettit) Williams, pioneers of this county, who were the parents of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Bodine have a very pleasant home and in their declining years continue to take an earnest interest in neighborhood affairs.

JOHN L. PIERCE.

John L. Pierce, of the Windiate-Pierce-Davison Company, dealers in real estate and insurance at Flint, is a native son of Flint and has lived there all his life. He was born on November 11, 1878, son of Franklin H. and Mary (Lamond) Pierce, the former of whom was born in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, and the latter in Flint, in which latter city their home was established and their children reared. There were three of these children, John L.; Frances, born January 11, 1881, the wife of H. H. Hills, of Detroit, and Sarah, who died early.

Franklin H. Pierce grew to manhood in New Hampshire and then came to Michigan, stopping first at Coldwater, proceeding thence, after a time, to Ionia, where he remained until 1865, in which year he located in Flint, where he spent the rest of his life. In 1865 he engaged in the general merchandise business in Flint and was thus engaged until his retirement from business in 1897. His death occurred on June 24, 1901, he then being sixty years of age. His father, John Pierce, a native of New Hampshire, where all his life was spent, lived to the great age of ninety-seven years. He was the father of six children, those besides Franklin H. being John, Mrs. Mary Sinclair, Mrs. Eliza Woodward, Mrs. Sarah Sawyer and Edward. Franklin H. Pierce's widow still survives. She was born in Flint, April 20, 1840, daughter of Robert D. and Sarah H. Lamond, early settlers of Flint. Robert D. Lamond was born in Middlefield, Otsego county, New York, February 5, 1804, and died at Flint, Michigan, August 14, 1872. Sarah (Holmes) Lamond was born in Howard, county of Kent, Upper Canada, April 1, 1815, and died at Detroit on April 1, 1892. Robert D. Lamond and wife were the parents of three children, Mrs. Pierce having a brother, Robert, and a sister, Jennie. Franklin H. Pierce was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church, as is his widow, and was senior warden of same at the time of his death. He was a Republican and a member of the Masonic order.

John L. Pierce was reared at Flint, the city of his birth, and was graduated from the high school there in 1897, after which he entered the Uni-



John M. L. Piner.

versity of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1901. He then entered the employ of the Durant-Dort Carriage Company at Flint and was thus engaged for six years, at the end of which time he engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in partnership with John G. Windiate and Arthur M. Davison, under the name of the Windiate-Pierce-Davison Company, and has been thus engaged ever since. The company is incorporated, with a capital stock of forty-five thousand dollars, and does an extensive business in and about Flint. The company owns Homedale, Kearsley Park, Chevrolet Park, General Motors Park, and Kearsley Park, No. 1, addition to the city of Flint, and during the season of 1915 erected more than one hundred houses. Mr. Pierce has other interests in the city and is vice-president of the Flint Savings Association. He is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for public office.

On May 17, 1905, John L. Pierce was married to Hazel Waldo Tracy, who was born at Cadillac, this state, November 2, 1881, daughter of Frederick and Lydia Agnes (Pike) Tracy, both now deceased, the former of whom was born in Atlas township, this county, November 8, 1845, and died February 24, 1914, and the latter born at Grand Rapids, May 13, 1850, and died February 7, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy were the parents of two children, Mrs. Pierce having a brother, Howard. Mrs. Pierce's paternal grandparents were Abram Ward Pike, born October 5, 1813, and died October 15, 1906, and Elenora Louise (Prior) Pike, born July 6, 1824, and died October 5, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Pierce are the parents of four children: Mary Agnes, born July 4, 1906; Katherine Sarah, born November 30, 1907; Frances Emma, born February 2, 1909, and Florence Tracy, born July 23, 1916. The family are members of the Episcopal church. Mr. Pierce is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with Michigan Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a noble of Elf Khurafeh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Saginaw. His local connection with the Masonic order is through Flint Lodge No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons; Washington Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; Flint Council No. 56, Royal and Select Masters, and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar. He also is a member of Flint Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of Burton Center Grange No. 1072, Patrons of Husbandry. While at the university Mr. Pierce became affiliated with the Zeta Psi fraternity and still retains his interest in that organization.

GEORGE W. CHASE.

George W. Chase, cashier of the Citizens Bank at Gaines, this county, and clerk of Gaines township, is a native son of Genesee county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Argentine township, October 31, 1870, son of George W. and Sarah T. (Parker) Chase, both natives of the state of New York and prominent and influential residents of the southwestern part of this county. The senior George W. Chase came to Michigan in the days of his youth with his parents, the family settling in this county, where he grew to manhood and where he married Sarah T. Parker, who had come to this county with her parents when she was two years of age and who had grown to womanhood in Argentine township. After his marriage, Mr. Chase established his home on a farm in that same township and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in October, 1914. His widow is still living. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom are still living, namely: Frank, a traveling salesman, who makes his home at Grand Rapids; Belle, wife of John Collins; George W., the subject of this biographical sketch; John, a retired farmer, now making his home in the village of Gaines; Robert, a resident of Argentine township, and Otto R., who is the foreman of the water-service of the Detroit division of the Grand Trunk Railroad, with residence at Detroit.

George W. Chase was reared on the home farm in Argentine township, receiving his schooling in the neighboring schools, and upon the completion of his school course began working on his own account and for three summers was engaged in farming. After that he spent two years prospecting in the upper peninsula of Michigan and then returned to this county, locating at Gaines, where for three years he was engaged as a clerk in a hardware store. He then was made foreman of a timber crew in the Prince Albert section of Canada and spent two winters there and one winter in the lumber woods of Wisconsin, returning then to this county, where he ever since has resided. When the Citizens Bank of Gaines was organized in 1907, Mr. Chase, one of the owners of the bank, was made cashier of the same and has since occupied that position, being one of the best-known bankers in the county. The bank was organized with a capital of five thousand dollars and has grown to be recognized as one of the strong financial institutions of this section of the state. The present officers of the bank are as follow: President, W. B. Cozada; vice-president, A. T. Miller, and cashier, George W. Chase, who, with Ira T.

Sayres, are the directors and the owners of the same. Mr. Chase also has valuable real-estate interests and is the owner of a fine farm of eighty-three acres situated in Gaines and Argentine townships. He is a Republican and during the years 1911-12 served as treasurer of Gaines township. In 1915 he was elected clerk of the township and is still serving in that capacity. Mr. Chase is a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar, affiliated with the commandery at Fenton, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

In 1894 George W. Chase was united in marriage to Bertha Shephard, who also was born in Argentine township, this county, and to this union three children have been born: Edith, a graduate of the Gaines high school, who is now a clerk in a general store at Gaines; Cleo B., who is still in school, and George L., born in 1910. The Chases have a very pleasant home at Gaines and take an earnest interest in the general social activities of their home town and the community at large, helpful in the work of promoting all good causes thereabout.

HENRY H. KERR.

Henry H. Kerr, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of Davison township, this county, and one of the most substantial citizens of that part of the county, is a native of the great Empire state, but has been a resident of Michigan since he was a boy and has therefore been a witness to and a participant in the wonderful development that has marked this region during the past generation. He was born in Hunter township, Greene county, New York, near the Catskill mountains, February 28, 1841, son of Robert and Anne (Terns) Kerr, natives of Ireland, of Scottish-Covenanter descent, who later became well-known and substantial pioneer residents of this part of Michigan.

Robert Kerr was eight years old when his parents came from Ireland to this country and settled in Greene county, New York, where he grew to manhood and where he married Anne Terns, who had also come from Ireland to this country with her parents when a child and had grown to womanhood in that same vicinity. In 1855 Robert Kerr and his family came from New York state to Michigan and settled in Hadley township, Lapeer county, where he started with four "eighties" of land, which he and his sons proceeded to develop and improve. The family later acquired a similar tract

in Genesee county, three "eighties" in the southeastern part of Davison township and one in the northeastern part of Atlas township. Robert Kerr and his wife were energetic and earnest pioneers and their influence in the early days of the community in which they settled was of marked benefit to all thereabout. Both spent their last days on the farm. They were the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch, the sixth in order of birth, and Mrs. Emily Graham, of Saginaw, the ninth in order of birth, are the only survivors, the others having been John, Moore, Mary Jane, Robert, William, Ann, Thomas and James.

Henry H. Kerr was fourteen years old when he came to Michigan with his parents and the other members of the family and from boyhood he proved a valued assistant in the work of developing the considerable landed interests the family gradually acquired. When twenty-five years of age he married and then began farming on his own account, establishing his home on one of the "eighties" in the southeastern part of Davison township. He remained there until about 1894, when he moved to the old Walker farm in that same vicinity, where his wife was born and where he ever since has made his home, long having been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that neighborhood. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Kerr has given considerable attention to the raising of a good grade of sheep and has done very well in his operations.

On August 31, 1866, Henry H. Kerr was united in marriage to Margaret Ann Walker, who was born on the farm on which she and her husband have been living for many years, daughter of Matthew and Maria (Ackerson) Walker, early and prominent residents of that neighborhood. Matthew Walker was born in Ireland, of Scottish-Covenanter descent, in April, 1826, later emigrating with his parents to New Brunswick, he then being seventeen years of age. While still a young man, he came with his parents, Matthew and Sarah (Huston) Walker, to Michigan, the family settling in Hawley township, Oakland county, where he helped take care of the home farm until he was thirty years old, when he married. Two years later he came to this county, buying the farm on which Mr. and Mrs. Kerr now live and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring on February 5, 1904. His widow survived him about seven years, she being eighty-four years of age at the time of her death in 1911. She had been a resident of Michigan since she was twelve years old, her parents, David and Catherine Ackerson, having come here from New York state then, about the year 1839, and settled in Hawley township, Oakland county, among the very earliest settlers of that part of the state, where they

spent the rest of their lives. Matthew Walker was a member of the Presbyterian church and his wife was a Free-Will Baptist. They were the parents of four daughters, of whom Mrs. Kerr is now the only survivor. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr have one son, Manson A. Kerr, who was born on April 4, 1871. He married Orella Baucus and for years has been farming the old home place in Davison township, where his father and mother started their housekeeping fifty years ago. The years have dealt lightly with both Mr. and Mrs. Kerr and they retain a large measure of their former full physical vigor. They have many vivid recollections of pioneer days hereabout and have in their house numerous interesting relics of housekeeping in those days, candle molds and the like, which are yearly growing in sentimental value as the time separating the present from those stern pioneer days lengthens.

CHARLES MOON.

The record of the successful self-made man is always interesting and instructive. It encourages those who have been held back by an unfavorable environment. Charles Moore, for many years one of the leading farmers of Genesee county, who is now living in retirement, has worked his own way up from the soil. He is one of the honored veterans of the Civil War who did what he could in saving the Union.

Mr. Moon was born in Yates county, New York, March 4, 1843, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Hyatt) Moon, natives of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively. They were married in the latter state and lived there several years, then moved to Indiana in the fall of 1860, locating in LaGrange county, but a number of years later they returned to New York, where they spent the rest of their lives. They engaged in farming on a small scale and never knew much of the luxuries of life. Their family consisted of eleven children, of whom Charles was the third in order of birth.

Charles Moon spent his boyhood in New York state, where he attended the district schools. On September 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Thirtieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and saw a great deal of hard service with the army of the Cumberland, being in a number of the important battles of the war, including Shiloh, in April, 1862; Stone's River, Nashville. Franklin, Chickamauga and those of the Atlanta campaign. However, he escaped without serious injury. He was honorably discharged on December 9, 1865,

after which he returned home. He spent two years on a farm at Kendallville, Indiana, then took up the carpenter's trade. Leaving Kendallville in 1869, where he had resided since 1866, he came to Otisville, Genesee county, Michigan, and worked for George Reed in his sash and door factory for several years. He then worked at Clare, this state, two years, later returning to Otisville and sawing shingles for a local firm for several years. He finally purchased a farm in Forest township and engaged in general farming and stock raising until a few years ago, when he retired from active life and is now living quietly in Otisville. He has been a stockholder and director of the State Bank of Otisville ever since its organization.

Mr. Moon was married, in 1864, to Maria Lown, who was born in Michigan, in October, 1847. In her youth, her parents moved to the state of New York, where she attended the district schools. Mr. Moon was married while at home on a furlough during his military service. To himself and wife two children have been born, both in Kendallville, Indiana, namely: Mary, who is the wife of George Bryan, of Clare county, Michigan, and Effie, who is the wife of Jacob Coon, of Forest township, Genesee county.

Mr. Moon is a Prohibitionist and he served two terms as justice of the peace. He is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and is a member of the Methodist church and of its official board, having long been active in church work.

LESLIE WISNER.

Leslie Wisner, the son of Lafayette and Lydia (Liby) Wisner, was born in Flushing township on September 11, 1868. Lafayette Wisner was born at Lockport, New York, and, as a young man, settled in Flushing township, where he purchased forty acres of land in section 10. The land was all in the wild and had to be cleared by Mr. Wisner. Before coming to Michigan, Lafayette Wisner was united in marriage to Lydia Liby, a native of the state of New York, where her parents were early pioneers. Mrs. Wisner died in 1898. To Lafayette Wisner and wife were born the following children: Lewis, deceased; Minnie, deceased; Nellie, the wife of Hugh Kane, a farmer of near Gladwin; Leslie; Bertha is the wife of Mr. Beeler, of California; Guy, a farmer of Gladwin; May is the wife of George Spring, a merchant of Saginaw; Oattie, the wife of Hugh Rollins, of the state of New York.

Leslie Wisner received his education in the schools of Flushing township. Here he attended school in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer. With the exception of ten years spent on his farm in section 10, Mr. Wisner has spent his entire life on the original farm of his father in Flushing township. After the death of his father he purchased the farm of the heirs and has since made that place his home. Here he is engaged in general farming and the raising of cattle and sheep.

Leslie Wisner married Sarah Long Brophy, of Flushing township, the daughter of Michael and Mary (Long) Brophy, natives of Ireland. The parents of Sarah Wisner came to the United States with their parents and settled in the state of New York, where they were married. They later removed to Flushing township, where they still reside. Michael and Mary Brophy are the parents of the following children: Edward, living on the old homestead; Mary was the wife of D. Dunford, now deceased, and is living at home; Sarah; William, at home; Julia, the wife of Timothy McCarty, of Mt. Morris; Henry; William, deceased. The boys are all unmarried.

To Leslie and Sarah Wisner have been born three children: William, born in April, 1896; Edward, born on October 17, 1898, and Nellie, born on August 28, 1901, all at home.

Fraternally, Mr. Wisner is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Eagles and the Gleaners, having filled all the chairs in the latter lodge.

JOHN B. COLWELL.

One of the most enterprising of Genesee county agriculturists is John Colwell, now living retired in Fenton. He believed from the outset of his career that the "wisdom of yesterday is sometimes the folly of today," and that while the methods of our ancestors in tilling the soil were all right in their day, yet in the twentieth century we have been compelled to adopt new methods of doing things, owing to changed conditions.

Mr. Colwell was born in Livingston county, Michigan, July 10, 1849, and is a son of David Gilbert and Phoebe (Larned) Colwell. Grandfather Henry Larned was a native of the state of New York and a pioneer farmer of Oakland county, Michigan; he also lived in Livingston county. He married Harriet Bailey and they reared a large family, a part of them being born in Yates county, New York, and the rest in Michigan. Of the num-

ber, Henry Larned was a soldier in the Civil War and died in Libby prison. Grandfather David Colwell was born on January 1, 1800, and his death occurred in 1885. He was a native of Richfield, New York, and he married Hannah Gilbert, who was born in Fayette county, New York, August 17, 1803, and died on July 11, 1888. They removed to Livingston county, Michigan, in pioneer days and entered a homestead of one hundred and twenty acres, on which they spent the rest of their lives. David Colwell, Sr., the subject's great-grandfather, was a native of one of the New England states, possibly Rhode Island. He married Thankful Paine and they moved to Allegany county, New York. He owned a woolen mill and was also a clothier. The father of the subject was born on March 14, 1825, in Ontario county, New York, and was educated in the common schools. He devoted his life to farming. He was a pioneer of Livingston county, Michigan, where he became the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land. His wife was a member of the Presbyterian church, which he attended and supported liberally. He was quite active in politics and a leader of the Democratic party in his district. He served two terms in the Legislature of this state in a very creditable manner and was for some time supervisor of his township. He was a man of splendid physique, tall and weighed two hundred and forty-five pounds. After locating at Fenton, Genesee county, he became one of the leading citizens of this locality. In April, 1869, he built the present opera house and also erected other important buildings and residences. He was in partnership with a Mr. Adams for a number of years and they owned and operated a saw-mill, elevator and flouring-mill. They sold the elevator in 1880 and the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Colwell continuing as sole owner of the saw-mill and flouring-mill. He did a large business and shipped flour to various sections of the United States, also to foreign nations. He also engaged in buying and shipping wool many years after locating here. His death occurred on March 28, 1910, his wife preceding him to the grave in April, 1908. They were parents of the following children: David H., who was a member of a Michigan cavalry regiment during the Civil War, died while in the service at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, when sixteen years old; John B., of this review; William D., who died on October 20, 1872; Daniel H.'s whereabouts are unknown.

John B. Colwell was educated in the common schools of Oakland county, Michigan, and the Fenton high school. On November 10, 1869, he married Martha Collins, who was born, November 22, 1847, in Allegany county, New York, a daughter of James and Susan (Howe) Collins. To this union the following children were born: Martha (known as Mattie)

married H. E. Curtis and to their union one child was born, Mildred; Mrs. Curtis died some years ago; Grace, second of the subject's children, married William E. Scott and two children were born to them, Helen and William; Mr. Scott died and his widow married Rev. John R. McWilliams, a Presbyterian minister in Genesee county; their union has been without issue; Gilbert, third child of the subject, has been practicing dentistry at Ithaca, Michigan, for the past nine years; he married Harriet Barstow and they have two children, John C. and Bruce C.

John B. Colwell assisted his father in operating the elevator at Fenton, also his saw- and flouring-mills for a number of years, then engaged in farming nine years on his father's home place. He moved to the farm, then back to Fenton several times. He owns a valuable place of one hundred and fifty-two acres, which his Grandfather Larned homesteaded in Livingston county, Michigan. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has never been so active in public affairs as was his father before him. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church.

ALFRED V. HISCOCK.

The farmer who succeeds must plan for the future, must subdivide his crop area into sections of a size to suit his requirements, and in such manner as to keep his ground fully occupied by a continual rotation of crops, throughout the growing season, and thus obtain the maximum of produce from his soil with no loss of fertility or losses from other causes. One of the careful farmers of Genesee county is Alfred V. Hiscock, of Montrose. He was born in Macomb county, Michigan, March 30, 1857, and is a son of William R. Hiscock, who was born in Orleans county, New York, May 5, 1830. There he grew to manhood, working on the home farm until he was twenty-one years old, when he came to Michigan and located in Macomb county. After spending three years there, he went to Washtenaw county, where he bought a farm, on which he lived until 1865, when he enlisted in the Eighth Michigan Cavalry in which regiment he served until the close of the Civil War. After being honorably discharged, he returned to his home in New York, but a year later came to Flushing, Michigan, where he spent two years. He then located on a farm in section 20, Montrose township, Genesee county, where he engaged in farming until 1894, when he moved to the village of Montrose. His farm is now owned by his grand-

son, W. F. Hiscock, son of the subject of this sketch. William R. Hiscock is still living in Montrose, being now eighty-six years of age. He has been a successful farmer and a good citizen in every respect. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Montrose. He is a Republican and belongs to the Baptist church. His wife, Nancy T. Bates, was born in Steuben county, New York, March 16, 1832, and is now in her eighty-fifth year. They were married in 1853 and six children were born to their union, namely: Alfred V., of this sketch; Stephen D., a carpenter in Montrose; Lewis is deceased; Marian B., who is farming in Montrose township; Ella May is the wife of Eugene Miller, who is engaged in the elevator business at Clio, Michigan; George D., who is engaged in railroad service and lives in Montrose.

The paternal grandparents of the above named children were Elijah and Dolly Hiscock. They were natives of the state of New York, where they were married and established their home. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. The maternal grandparents were John L. and Hannah Bates, both of whom spent their early lives in the state of New York, finally migrating to Macomb county, Michigan, at a very early date.

Alfred V. Hiscock grew up on the home farm and received a limited public school education. He began working out when only nine years old, engaging in farm work until he was twenty-five years of age. He then began working in a mill in Genesee county, remaining there eighteen months, then went to Elk, Michigan, where he built a hotel which he operated until about 1887. At that time he came to what is now the village of Montrose and built the Montrose Hotel, which was the first building in that village. This he managed until about 1898, when he was appointed postmaster at Montrose, in which capacity he served with satisfaction to all concerned until February 9, 1916, a period of eighteen years, discharging his duties most faithfully and ably. A few months after leaving the office he resumed work on his farm in section 29, Montrose township. He makes a specialty of raising Holstein cattle and Shropshire sheep.

Mr. Hiscock was married, on October 14, 1877, to Rosie E. Stage, who was born in Holly, Michigan, December 31, 1861. When she was twelve years old her parents removed from Holly to a farm in Hazleton township, Shiawassee county, where she lived until her marriage. She is a daughter of William and Rachel A. (Madden) Stage, both natives of the state of New York, whence they migrated to Conway, Michigan. The mother died in Holly, this state, after which the father moved to Hazelton, where his death occurred. They were parents of five children, namely:

Sylvia is deceased; Rosie, wife of Mr. Hiscock; Fred is engaged in the cigar manufacturing business at Vassar, Michigan; Hudson is deceased; Cora B. is an elocutionist and resides in Los Angeles, California.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hiscock, namely: William F., born August 4, 1878, is farming on the old homestead, being the fifth representative of five generations on that farm; Grace B., born August 1, 1880, married W. H. Hoskins, a mason by trade; Myrtle R., born September 4, 1883, was assistant postmaster for twelve years and now lives in Flint.

Politically, Mr. Hiscock is a Republican. He belongs to Lodge No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Flint, also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Orangemen at Montrose.

GEORGE HUGGINS.

Industry, uprightness and intelligence are characteristics which will advance the interests of any man and will tend to the prosperity to which all aspire. Such are some of the traits of George Huggins, farmer and civil engineer of Montrose township, Genesee county, Michigan. He was born in Norwich, England, January 20, 1861, and is a son of James and Sarah A. Huggins, mention of which is made on another page of this work.

George Huggins came to Michigan when a small boy and here he grew to manhood. He was educated in the public schools of Montrose and Clayton townships, Genesee county, graduating from the Flushing high school in 1882. He began life for himself as a teacher, which profession he followed for eleven years, including the English settlement, Graves, Brown and Richardson district schools of Flushing township, also the Caldwell, Mackintyre and Slade district schools of Montrose township. He gave eminent satisfaction as a teacher. In 1888 he studied at the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing, entering the sophomore class, his excellent record in the Flushing high school giving him a sufficient number of credits. He studied civil engineering and made rapid progress in the same under Prof. Lewis Carpenter. Since leaving college he has devoted considerable attention to civil engineering and has met with such pronounced success that he now has more work than he can attend to, his services being in great demand. He engineered the first mile of state road in Genesee county. He is the present county drain surveyor, the duties of which responsible position he

has discharged in a most acceptable and faithful manner for the past six years. He was elected county surveyor in 1913 and again in 1914. Politically, he is a Democrat and, fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a member of the Montrose Methodist Episcopal church and has been a member of the choir of the same for the past twenty-four years. He was one of the builders of this church and has always been active in the work of the same.

Mr. Huggins purchased forty acres of good land in section 27, Montrose township, with the proceeds derived from his teaching. He subsequently sold this land and bought one hundred acres in section 28, which place he has kept well improved, but keeps his land rented as he is kept busy with his work as civil engineer.

FRANK A. GALLAWAY.

No better example of a successful, self-made man could be found in Genesee county than Frank A. Gallaway, who conducts a large plumbing establishment at Fenton. Since early boyhood he has relied upon himself and has forged to the front, despite obstacles and an unpropitious early environment. Mr. Gallaway was born in Syracuse, New York, August 27, 1871. He is a son of Abraham and Eunice (Hill) Gallaway and a grandson of Ebenezer Hill, a farmer of New York state, where he spent his life. The father of the subject grew up on the home farm in the state of New York and received his education in the neighboring schools. He purchased sixty acres near the city of Syracuse and devoted his life to farming, living on that place thirty years. His death occurred in 1890, his widow surviving twenty-one years, dying in 1911. He was a soldier in the Civil War and belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. His family consisted of five children, namely: Charles, who served in the Civil War; Mary, James, Sylvester, and Frank A., the subject, who is the only member of the family in Genesee county.

Frank A. Gallaway grew up in his native locality and was educated in the public schools of Syracuse, New York. When twelve years of age he ran away from home and has supported himself ever since. He left his native state in 1894 and came to Michigan. He was employed by Joshua Hill in Pontiac for three years, then came to Fenton in 1903, where he has since made his home. After working for wages one year, he began in the

plumbing business, installing stoves and furnaces, also conducted a tin shop, and has continued in this line of endeavor to the present time, having enjoyed a large and increasing business all the while. He has a well equipped shop and employs skilled workmen, being prepared to turn out high-grade jobs promptly and satisfactorily. He owns valuable town property.

Mr. Gallaway was married, first, to Pearl House, which union was without issue. His second wife was known in her maidenhood as Sadie Landen. This last union has resulted in the birth of one child, Neita Gallaway, born on November 9, 1909. Fraternally, Mr. Gallaway belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

GEORGE E. LOVE.

The subject of this sketch, George E. Love, was born in Clinton county, Michigan, May 31, 1859. His father, John Love, was of Scotch descent and was a native of New York state. His mother, Mary (Gay) Love, was of English ancestry. They came from New York state and settled in Clinton county and there became engaged in farming. Mr. Love ended his days on the farm, reaching the age of sixty-five years, his death occurring in December, 1884. Mrs. Love afterward removed to Flushing to live with her son, George, where she died on December 31, 1904, at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Love were highly respected and well known in their community for their piety and industry. Their family of children was quite large, George being the sixth child. He was reared on the farm, thus getting his first experiences in life from contact with the hardy problems set by Mother Nature. As a boy he was active and energetic, receiving such education as was afforded by the rural schools of the times. Possessed of an ambition to assist in maintaining the affairs of the paternal home and at the same time desirous of working on his own responsibility, he became engaged in various occupations away from home. Beginning at the age of seventeen and continuing until about the age of twenty-six, his attention was turned toward the buying and shipping of live stock and in dealing with the public he obtained a reputation for honorable methods of dealing, as well as making a record for himself as a man of keen business insight. Following this, he became interested in lumbering, transacting this business in Mecosta county, Michigan. This occupied him for several years and in this work, as in previous occupations, he distinguished him-

self with the same fortitude and success. In 1900 he transferred his activities to Flushing and engaged in the retail lumber business, and he has since engaged in the same business in Fowlerville, Michigan. He has achieved not only success in business, but has obtained the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen as well. In 1909 he and others formed a corporation, under the name of Genesee Lumber Company, and operated a retail yard in Flint. Of this company he was chosen secretary and general manager. This corporation continued business for three years and then dissolved, Mr. Love buying back the two yards at Flushing and Fowlerville, which he operates now.

On December 29, 1885, Mr. Love was united in marriage to Ida B. Currence, of Alma, Gratiot county, Michigan, who was born and raised in that county, she being the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Currence, one of the leading families of that county and highly esteemed by all who knew them. Mrs. Love was a young lady of excellent standing in the community and has proved to be an able and worthy helpmate to her husband. Their union has resulted in the birth of three children, one of whom, Edith M., was called to the Shepherd's fold when nine years of age; the two surviving children are Earl D. and Florence E. Earl was born on October 8, 1886; Edith, M. was born on July 12, 1889, and died on December 9, 1897; Florence E. was born on February 13, 1897. Mr. Love is an esteemed member of the Masonic fraternity and has taken great interest in the teachings of that great order.

GEORGE MACNEAL.

The lawyer is a practical man. He breaks through all shams, to arrive at correct conclusions, and he is not often deceived with plausible pretenses. Armed with the great elementary principles of the law of evidence, the grandest branch of the science of law, he unravels frauds in their many and varied forms, thereby vindicating right, rewarding honesty and punishing vice and iniquity. George MacNeal, of Fenton, is one of the leaders of the bar of Genesee county.

Mr. MacNeal was born at St. Thomas, Canada, April 20, 1879, and is a son of Edward and Jane (Pratt) MacNeal. The father was born on August 21, 1833. Abraham MacNeal, the grandfather, was a native of New

York state, from which he removed to Ohio about 1835. He was a wheelwright by trade and operated a mill in Ohio the rest of his life. His family consisted of nine children, of whom Edward was the youngest and is the only survivor. Edward MacNeal, the subject's great-grandfather, was born just one hundred years to the day before the father of the subject was born. He came from Ireland or Scotland and was a prominent man in his community at the time of the Revolutionary War. Edward MacNeal was educated in the common schools and was twice married. By his first union three children were born, namely: Edward lives in Battle Creek, Michigan, and is connected with the Sheppard brass works; Cora lives in Saginaw, Michigan; Adelaide lives in Rainsville, Ohio. Edward MacNeal's second marriage was to Jane Pratt, by which union four children were born, namely: Frank lives in Memphis, Tennessee, where he is engaged in contract work; Arthur is a practicing physician in Chicago; George of this sketch, and Ward, a bacteriologist in New York City.

Edward MacNeal bought a farm in 1876, bordering Oakland and Genesee counties, which he operated a number of years, then rented it and went to Saginaw to live with his daughter. He devoted most of his life to railroad service, being a passenger conductor on the Grand Trunk road for many years, and was also a passenger conductor on the Northern Pacific through Montana. He went to Washington, then back to Chicago and later to Ann Arbor. He was a Knight Templar.

George MacNeal was educated in the common and high schools of Chicago, then entered the law department of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1901, and was admitted to the bar in June of that year. While in the university he was captain of the class in athletics, playing two years on the football team and one year on the baseball team. He has always been deeply interested in wholesome athletic sports. He began the practice of his profession in Fenton, having previously been associated with McArthur Brothers in Chicago for some time. He has practiced alone since coming here, has built up a very satisfactory clientage and is a familiar figure in the local courts. He is a painstaking, earnest, persistent lawyer, who makes all other interests subordinate to those of his clients, and is well versed in all phases of the law. He has taken an active interest in public affairs since coming to Fenton and at one time was trustee of the village, also village attorney. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic lodge, chapter and commandery, being senior warden in the latter, and is commander of the Maccabees. He also belongs to the Independent Order

of Odd Fellows, including the subordinate lodge in Fenton and the encampment at Linden.

Mr. MacNeal was married on January 25, 1906, to Ada Angell, who was born on March 4, 1884, in Oakland county, Michigan. She was educated in the Fenton high school and the State Normal and taught school for some time. Three children have been born to the subject and wife, namely, George Stewart, Ada Mary and John Angell.

GEORGE E. TAYLOR.

George E. Taylor was born in Oakland county, Michigan, March 21, 1838, his family moving to Genesee county when he was twelve years old. His father, Isaac S. Taylor, was from Pennsylvania, and his mother, Margaret Davis, from Belfast, Ireland. Mr. Taylor, the eldest of four children helped clear the land where most of his boyhood was spent and went to school at a log school house near by. Later he finished his education at the Clarkston Academy. When eighteen he commenced teaching school, and at twenty-one started to study law, being admitted to the bar a few years later.

Mr. Taylor was a lifelong Republican and first entered the political field as an aspirant for honors in 1865, when he was elected supervisor, which office he held for eight consecutive years. In 1873 he was elected register of deeds, holding that office for six years, and in 1882 was elected state senator. In 1888 Mr. Taylor was elected alderman of the second ward, holding that office for two terms, when, in 1892, he was elected mayor of the city. In the fall election of 1892 he was elected judge of probate, which office he held until January, 1901. He was a hard worker in the Republican party, entering actively into all its campaigns, and for many years, up to the time of his death, was a member of the state central committee.

In February, 1867, Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Sarah E. Beardslee, who died in April, 1868, leaving an infant son. In 1871 he was married to Miss Euphemia A. Freeman, by whom he had one son and one daughter. Mr. Taylor died suddenly of heart trouble at his home on Court street, on March 8, 1903. He is survived by his widow and sons, Hamilton B. Taylor, of Detroit, and Howard E. Taylor, of Marion, Indiana, and daughter, Mrs. Edwin W. Atwood, of Fl...



W. S. Taylor.

WARD HENRY PARKER.

Ward Henry Parker, whose parents were among the pioneer settlers of Genesee county, Michigan, was born in Grand Blanc, December 29, 1885. His parents were Henry E. and Lizzie M. (Holton) Parker, natives of Genesee county and Wayne county, Michigan, respectively. Henry E. Parker was born in Grand Blanc township, April 22, 1855, and was a younger brother of G. Russell Parker, whose sketch elsewhere in this volume gives a complete record of the family.

Henry E. Parker lived his whole life in Grand Blanc township and at the time of his death owned three hundred acres of land in the southern part of the county and the northern part of Oakland county. He lived on the farm until 1911 when he moved to Grand Blanc, where he resided until his death, January 19, 1916. He was married, September 12, 1879, to Lizzie M. Holton, a daughter of Thomas and Lucy (Moody) Holton. Mrs. Holton is now the wife of G. Russell Parker, above mentioned, whose history also includes a sketch of Mrs. Holton's parentage. Henry E. Parker and his wife were both members of the Methodist church and took an active part in its various activities. He was a kind and genial man, interested in the life of his fellowmen, and never failed to give his support to such movements as he felt would be for the betterment of his community.

Henry E. Parker and his wife were the parents of two sons, one of whom died in infancy, the other being Ward H. Mr. and Mrs. Parker also adopted a boy, but he also died in infancy. They reared another boy, K. C. Wortman, who is now living in Grand Blanc.

Ward H. Parker spent two years in the Flint high school and later became a student in Michigan Agricultural College, where he remained in continuous attendance for five years. After graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1908, he taught chemistry for three years. He then took charge of his father's farm, the latter moving into the village of Grand Blanc. His next move found him employed by the United States department of agriculture as county agriculturist of Genesee county, a position he held for about a year. The following two years were spent as a traveling salesman for a dairy supply house. He is now engaged in farming and at the same time acts as salesman for the Patterson Auto Sales Company of Flint.

Mr. Parker is classed among the really scientific farmers of his county and his farm bears witness to the training he received in college. He owns

the old Parker homestead, which was entered by his grandfather in 1837, and is proud of the genuine old sheepskin patent paper which his grandfather received when he entered the land nearly eighty years ago. The land has never been out of the hands of the Parker family since it was entered, his father having bought out the other heirs.

Mr. Parker was married, December 21, 1907, to Sara J. Losey, who was born in Lansing, Michigan. She is a daughter of James B. and Mary (McGraw) Losey, both natives of New York state. Her father was engaged in the milling business at Lansing for many years prior to his death in 1912. His widow is still living in Lansing.

EARL B. ROOT.

Crop rotation has the effect of making available all of the plant food element, and as the average soil is generally well supplied with fertile material, depletion will come that much sooner unless proper steps are taken to maintain the principal soil ingredients. This and other problems of modern farming are well understood by Earl B. Root, of Richfield township. He was born in Forest township, this county, October 17, 1883, and is a son of Randson B. and Julia A. (Bidwell) Root, both born in Forest township, being representatives of two pioneer families of Genesee county, and here they grew up, attended school and were married. The father was born, December 20, 1845, and the mother's birth occurred on June 30, 1846. They devoted their active lives to farming and are now living in the village of Otisville. They are parents of five children, namely: Effie, who was graduated from the Otisville high school, and is now the wife of Robert B. Laird, of Flint; Pearl, who was also graduated from the high school at Otisville, and is now the wife of Raymond G. Miller, of the state of New York; Earl B., the subject of this sketch; Lottie M., a graduate of the Otisville high school, who is the wife of Harry Turnbull, of Saginaw, Michigan, and Hettie, a graduate of Otisville high school, who is now teaching in the public schools at Battle Creek, this state.

Earl B. Root was reared on the home farm, four miles north of where he now lives. He attended the district schools and the high school at Otisville, after which he engaged in farming for himself. He owns a well-kept and productive place of one hundred and ten acres in sections 5 and 6 of Richfield township and carries on general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Root was married on September 7, 1906, to Irma A. Reese, a daughter of Andrew and Mattie A. (Goode) Reese. She grew up in Genesee county and was graduated from the Flint high school. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Root, namely: Russell R., and Dorothy P.

Mr. Root is a Republican and is at present treasurer of Richfield township. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Otisville, of which he is past noble grand. He also belongs to the Grange and he and his wife are attendants of the Richfield Methodist Episcopal church.

J. FRANK DAVIS.

No introduction in a formal way is necessary to the people of Genesee county by the biographer when he essays to give a succinct record of J. Frank Davis, jeweler, optician and proprietor of a book store in Fenton, for here he has long been well and favorably known as a man of affairs and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Davis was born in Auburn, New York, in 1859. He is a son of James Thompson Davis and Mary Ann (Clark) Davis, and a grandson of Jesse Davis, a native of Wales. He is descended from the Davis family that founded the Presbyterian church in America. Jesse Davis took up government land near Cayuga, New York, which he developed into a good farm and there reared his family. In that vicinity the father of our subject was reared and educated. He was a miller by trade, which he followed for about twenty years, then became a salesman member of the firm of Fowler, Davis & Hoyt. at Hartford, Connecticut. He came to Michigan in 1867, located at Fenton, where he built a home, and died in 1872 at the age of forty-six years; his widow survived him nearly thirty years, dying in 1901 at the age of seventy-one years. They were the parents of four children, namely: Emma L., deceased; Jesse Maxwell; John C., deceased, and J. Frank of this sketch. The parents of these children were members of the Presbyterian church.

J. Frank Davis was eight years old when his parents brought him to Michigan. Here he grew to manhood and received a high school education. On October 30, 1883, he married Sadie M. Phillips, whose death occurred on June 30, 1890. To this union the following children were born: Olive Louise was graduated from the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti, in

which place she later taught school; Ethel S. was also graduated from the State Normal at Ypsilanti and is engaged in teaching.

In June, 1892, Mr. Davis married Caroline Crawford. She is a daughter of James Crawford, who was for a number of years engaged in the grocery business at Milford, Oakland county, Michigan. He was active in public affairs there and was a justice of the peace. To the subject's second marriage one child has been born, Charles Crawford Davis. Mrs. Davis is a lady of education and culture and is a writer of ability.

Politically, Mr. Davis is a Republican. He was at one time village clerk and one of the trustees of the village. He is a past commander of Fenton Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar, and belongs to the Presbyterian church.

JOSEPH P. OLK.

Genesee county has long been an excellent grain producer, a fine quality of wheat being marketed from here, consequently the elevator business has been an important one for many years. Joseph P. Olk, a newcomer in this locality, is making a good start in operating an elevator at Fenton and is evidently a valuable addition to the citizenship.

Mr. Olk was born on October 28, 1871, and is a son of John and Bridget (Woods) Olk, natives of Germany and Ireland, respectively. The mother brought her family from the Emerald Isle to Detroit, Michigan. She had four brothers, all of whom are now deceased, and her death occurred in Jackson, Michigan, some time ago. The father of the subject died on February 20, 1914. To these parents four children were born, namely: Lewis; who lives near Leslie, Michigan; Joseph P., of this sketch; Eva, who died in early life, and Peter, who makes his home in Jackson, Michigan. The father of these children was a soldier in the Civil War, serving as a private in Company H, Twenty-second Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry. He was a member of the Catholic church.

Joseph P. Olk received his education in the district schools and also attended the high school at Leslie, Michigan. On June 24, 1911, he married Susie Conlan, a native of Jackson county, this state, and to this union one child has been born, Joseph Olk, Jr., whose birth occurred October 28, 1915.

The subject spent his earlier years on the farm, engaging in general farming until he was twenty-five years old, then secured a position with the

McLaughlin & Ward Company of Jackson, Michigan, where they operated a large elevator. He took an interest in this line of endeavor and soon mastered its various details, later going to Holly, this state, where he became a partner in the firm of the McLaughlin & Olk Elevator Company, remaining there five years, this venture having been successful. He owns an elevator in Jackson county at the present time. He removed to Fenton in April, 1910, and purchased the controlling interest in the Fenton Elevator Company, which has a capacity of twenty-five thousand bushels, and he has been managing the same with gratifying results, carrying on an extensive business. He also owns the Potter property, just across the street from his elevator. He is a man of progressive ideas, energetic, sound of judgment and honorable in his dealings. This elevator was established fifty years ago and has held an enormous quantity of grain during this half century.

Mr. Olk takes an interest in public affairs and was village president during 1913 and 1914. He is a member of the Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus.

WILLIAM M. FRAWLEY.

William M. Frawley was born in Flushing township, Genesee county, September 2, 1873, a son of Patrick Frawley, a native of Ireland, born in 1840. Patrick Frawley immigrated to the United States when a young man and first settled in New York, then came to Mt. Morris township, Genesee county, Michigan. Later he removed to the farm in Flushing township, where he he has continued to reside, engaged in farming, but is now leading a retired life. He was married to Margaret McMahon, who was born in Emmet county, Michigan. To this union five children have been born: James P., born February 20, 1892, a local coal dealer in Flushing; William M., subject of this sketch; Nellie, born February 28, 1875, married James McGrew, of Hazelton township; Mary, born May 25, 1877, now living with her father; John S., born November 12, 1879, is in partnership with his brother, James P., in the coal business.

William M. Frawley was educated in the district schools of the township, and afterward took up farming as an occupation, in which he continued for thirty years. He was afterward engaged in the liquor business and also conducted a restaurant in Flushing. He is at present proprietor of the largest garage in Flushing and also owns and manages a pool room. In the

garage he employs three men and is also sale agent for a prominent machine.

Mr. Frawley was married, October 30, 1905, to Celia King, who was born in October 17, 1876, a daughter of John King, who was born in Ireland in 1846. To this union two children have been born, Agnes, born September 17, 1906, and Esther, born June 21, 1908.

Mr. Trawley is independent in politics. He is a member of the Catholic church and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

FREDERICK E. STODDARD.

The reason that Frederick E. Stoddard, merchant and farmer of Richfield Center, Genesee county, has been able to succeed at whatever he has turned his attention to is because he plans well and is energetic in the execution of his plans—in other words, he first decides that he is right, then goes ahead. He was born in Richfield township, this county, August 18, 1845, and is a son of James and Sarah A. (Davis) Stoddard, natives of New York and Vermont, respectively. When a boy, James Stoddard was bound out to Eber Adams, with whose family he came to Michigan, locating in Oakland county, where they spent about three years, then came on to Atlas township, Genesee county, where James Stoddard grew to manhood. Sarah A. Davis was four years old when her parents brought her to Oakland county, later moving to Genesee county, locating where the city of Flint now stands, there being but a few houses in that vicinity at that time. The family located in Richfield when she was eight years old. When sixteen years old she worked at the home of Eber Adams and there met Mr. Stoddard. They continued to work for Mr. Adams about a year after their marriage, then went to housekeeping at Atlas village. Later they moved to Richfield, where they spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring at the age of forty-nine years. Their family consisted of thirteen children, only four of whom now survive, namely: Frederick E., of this sketch; Brinton, who is farming in Genesee township; Fleete, the wife of William Wording; and Hattie, the wife of James Comstock, of Davison, Michigan. Those deceased are, Helen, Arinda, Rhoda, Charles, four who died in infancy, and Emma.

Frederick A. Stoddard was reared on the home farm and received a common school education. Leaving school at the age of thirteen, he worked

out by the month at various occupations until he was twenty-one years old, then bought forty acres of wild land, cleared eight acres at once, and has devoted his life to farming and merchandising ever since. He started a general store at Richfield Center forty-two years ago, when the country was sparsely settled, and he has enjoyed a comfortable living from it. About ten years of that period he was not engaged in merchandising, later resuming with his son as partner.

Mr. Stoddard was married, on November 4, 1867, to Alma R. Fuller, a native of Genesee township and a daughter of Charles Smith and wife, who left her an orphan when quite young. She was then adopted by the Fuller family, whose name she took. The death of Mrs. Stoddard occurred on July 18, 1915. She was the mother of four children, namely: Pearl lives in Flint; Claude and Maude, twins, the former living in Flint and the latter, in Richfield; one child died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Stoddard is a Democrat and has served as township clerk three different times. He is a member of Davison Lodge No. 336, Free and Accepted Masons.

GLENN WILLIAMS.

Glenn Williams was born in Birch Run township, Genesee county, February 21, 1870, a son of Jeremiah Williams, who was born at Seneca Falls, New York, January 8, 1840. He came to Michigan in 1850 and followed the occupation of a general farmer. He died on December 31, 1915. On August 26, 1864, Jeremiah Williams married Eunice Tuman, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, October 29, 1845. To this union three children were born: Ebenezer, who died in September, 1911; Alvin, living in Clio; Glenn, the subject. The mother died on May 13, 1892.

The paternal grandfather of the subject was Ebenezer Williams, who was born in Seneca Falls, New York, living until 1850, when he removed to Michigan and settled in Birch Run township. He married Anna Mead, who was born in New York state and died at the age of forty-eight years. She was the mother of six children: Abbie, living in Eldora, Iowa; Mary, living in Grand Rapids, Michigan; Jeremiah, father of the subject; Laura, deceased; one child who died in childhood; Gustavus.

The maternal grandfather of the subject was Spencer Tuman, who died at the age of eighty-four years. He was the father of four children: Matthew, deceased, who was a soldier in the Civil War; Mary, deceased; Spen-

cer, Jr., a Civil War soldier who was killed in battle; Eunice, mother of our subject.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the schools of Birch Run township and in the high school at Cedar Lake. After his school years he engaged for awhile in farming and then taught school for one term. But school teaching was not to his liking and he returned to farming, following this occupation for three years. He then went to Saginaw, where he worked in the salt mine for about a year. Returning again to the farm, he continued his former occupation for six years. Then took a position as clerk in a store in Clio. Following this, he took a position in the Clio elevator and remained here for three years, when he engaged in business for himself, buying out a general merchandising store, and conducted this business for one year. He was elected to the office of town clerk at that time and combined his new duties with the real estate and insurance business. Finding that this accumulation of business was more than he could properly attend to, he sold his store, and has since given his entire attention to his real estate and insurance.

Mr. Williams married Milicent Rowland, who was born on September 29, 1866, a daughter of Daniel and Anna (Moon) Rowland, who had four children, Mary, John, Milicent and Emma. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, namely Elmer, born on August 27, 1892, and Edwin, born October 12, 1897.

Mr. Williams is a Republican and is ever ready to lend his efforts and influence for the promotion of the principles of that party. He has been town clerk for the past four years, town assessor and superintendent of the Genesee county board. He is affiliated with several secret and fraternal orders, including the Masons, having been through all the chairs in that order, as he has of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Foresters and the Grange, in all of which he has "passed the chairs." Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members and active workers in the Clio Methodist Episcopal church.

